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Lucille Morrison, RN receives plaque from Dr. Richard Boyd.

Mrs. Morrison Honored

The Operating Room, Recovery Room, and Anesthesia staffs honored Mrs. Lucille Morrison with a combined retirement-birthday covered dish luncheon on Monday, December 21, 1981.

Mrs. Morrison has retired after an impressive fifty years of dedicated service to Davis Hospital. Friends and co-workers of Mrs. Morrison dropped by during the lunch hour to share good food and fond reminiscences of past years—years during which Mrs. Morrison was the key person in shaping the Davis Hospital Operating Room into one of the finest in the state.

An engraved plaque, commemorating her years of service, was presented to Mrs. Morrison by Dr. Richard Boyd on behalf of the Administration. Dr. Boyd praised her as "a vintage nurse—one of the finest OR Nurses it has ever been my privilege to work with." A beautifully decorated birthday cake added a finishing touch to the presentation.

Mrs. Morrison will certainly be missed, but the results of her years of supervision and guidance will long be evident, and remembered with great appreciation. We all wish Mrs. Morrison the very best for her retirement years.

Small In Stature, Big In Spirit

Mrs. Katie Crawford fell in her home in mid-December and broke her hip. She paid her second visit to a hospital during her 106 years of life when she was admitted to Davis Hospital on January 2nd for hip surgery. Dr. Richard Adams performed the surgery on January 3rd



MRS. KATIE CRAWFORD

Back to back January snow storms left our hospital covered with a seven-inch blanket of peaceful snow. Davis Hospital was a quiet, lovely sight to passersby in the early morning hours.

Behind this picturesque scene was our faithful engineering department working "full steam" shoveling snow from our entrances and walkways.



Wayne Sloan and Tim Stevenson shovel snow from sidewalks.

and the spry, sharpe-witted lady came through the procedure like a champ.

The East III Nursing Staff and other hospital personnel became fond of the delightful lady who was small in stature but big in spirit. When asked what her secret was to have enjoyed such a long life, she quickly responded, "hard work and trust in the Lord."

Katie was born in Iredell County on September 17, 1875. She and her husband, Albert, who died twenty-one years ago, had three daughters. The eldest of the three, Leora Crawford Tidlyne, 84, still survives and resides with her mother in Catawba, N. C.

Sitting in a chair beside her bed, Mrs. Crawford pointed to a crocheted spread and replied, "that's some of my work. I made my first crochet needle from a broom straw." She then explained how she taught herself to crochet and how she sold sassafras bark at Mr. Reed's store in New Hope, N. C., to get enough money to buy a real needle.

Mrs. Crawford responded well to physical therapy and was proud to demonstrate her ability to walk with the use of a walker at the side of Benny Bustle, Physical Therapy Assistant. "Look out, I'm coming through," she exclaimed as she left the doorway of her room, venturing down the corridor.



MARTH B. HAUSER, R.N., M.S.N.

Hauser Receives Advanced Certification

Martha B. Hauser, R. N., M.S.N., Assistant Administrator for Nursing, has achieved the nursing administration advanced certification from the American Nurses Association, Commission on Nursing Services. As of July, 1981, only six nurses in North Carolina had received such certification.

This certification is a voluntary program to recognize nurses who demonstrate high standards of nursing practice, meeting the standards of education and experiences in Nursing Administration, and who pass a written examination.

The requirements for receiving certification are:

(1) one must presently hold a master's or higher degree; (2) currently hold an executive level nursing administrative position; (3) have been in a verified executive level nursing administrative position for at least 36 months (4) provide documentation of administrative responsibilities and experiences; (5) pass a written exam covering specific material.

Congratulations, Mrs. Hauser, upon this achievement.

Time Thoughts

Take time to work,
It is the secret of success.

Take time to play
It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read,
It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly,
It is the road to happiness.

Davis Hospital --- Unique, Beautiful

What makes Davis Hospital different from other hospitals? Is it the friendly, personable, dedicated staff, or could it be the structure and beautiful grounds? It is a combination of things that makes our hospital special.

For instance, Jesse H. Thomas has been employed by Davis Hospital since 1955. He first began working on second shift in the Housekeeping Department and was later assigned to the Radiology Department as a patient attendant. The opportunity to transfer to nursing service came to being and Jesse worked for several years as a Male Attendant assisting the nurses with basic patient care. Jesse presently works as Groundskeeper assisting Miss Lillie Norket with the maintenance and beautification of the hospital grounds.

Many of us have heard citizens in our community comment on the beauty of the grounds and surroundings of our hospital, especially during the springtime. We can be proud that we have people like Jesse and Miss Norket who are responsible for making our hospital beautiful.



Jesse Thomas cares for plants inside and outside of the hospital.

Seniors On Psych Affiliation

The faces of senior students have been missing from our school of nursing this month. The 13 seniors are in Butner, North Carolina, completing their psychiatric training at John Umstead Hospital.

The students began this three month phase of their education and training on December 7, 1981. When asked about their experiences at John Umstead, one student commented, "that although it is a challenge at Butner, there's no place like home." Students and faculty look forward to the return of the "Class of '82" on March 15, 1982. We will be glad to have them back!



Mrs. Dorothy Raiford, HN, Emergency Department, presents plaque to Mrs. Gilda Wise, retiree, as Dr. Sam Holbrook looks on.

Gilda Wise Retires

A retirement tea was given for Mrs. Gilda Wise on December 30, 1981, by the Nursing Administration of Davis Hospital. Mrs. Wise began her career with Davis in September of 1953 as an emergency department clerk and continued employment there until her retirement, effective December 31, 1981.

Mrs. Wise was remembered with a corsage of white carnations tipped in red, representative of the red and white emergency department uniform she has so faithfully worn. The table, also was adorned in red and white poinsettias complimenting the refreshments served by co-workers.

Mrs. Dorothy Raiford, H.N., Emergency Department, and Dr. Sam Holbrook presented Mrs. Wise a plaque commemorating her 28 years of service to Davis Hospital.

On December 29, 1981, the Emergency Department personnel honored Gilda with a covered dish dinner at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Raiford.

Mrs. Wise states that following her retirement, she plans to assist her daughters in their craft shop and just enjoy her leisure time with her husband.

**MARCH OF DIMES
SUPERWALK
SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"WHAT TIME IS IT?"

Between Christmas and New Year's, Mrs. Wilkinson and I were in Georgia, caring for our two granddaughters while their parents attended the Orange Bowl game. They were away only a couple of days before we realized the truth of the saying, "God knew what He was doing when He gave children to young people, rather than older." We began to feel that we had played through a football game also.

On the Sabbath, we attended services in the church where we were married some HMMMM? years ago. The minister's topic was intriguing, "WHAT TIME IS IT"

What TIME is it? More than some of us "preachers" like to admit, those in the pews start checking the TIME when the sermon is dull.

What TIME is it? Time to pray more fervently than ever before. To pray for this noisy, mixed-up world of ours. Tennyson, the poet, wrote, "More things

are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." He quotes King Arthur's last words "Pray for my soul." Again, Tennyson wrote, "Wherefore let your voice rise like a fountain in prayer!"

A good TIME to thank the heavenly Father that, at least, many of us have jobs by which we provide for our families, and a good TIME to pray for those who are less fortunate, and TO ASSIST those unfortunates.

General Booth founded a church called THE SALVATION ARMY. Criticized by some for his emphasis on providing food, clothing, etc., more strongly than the evangelism of his day, he flashed back, "It's not possible to comfort persons with God's love when their feet are perishing from cold and stomachs hurting from starvation."

What TIME is it? Could it be TIME for all of us and our institutions including government and church to emulate the Good Samaritan that St. Luke's Gospel holds out for us as an example?

DAVID E. WILKINSON
Chaplain



MR. RAY HARVEL

Harvel Appointed Food Service Director

Raymond D. Harvel joined the staff of Davis Hospital on January 4, 1982, as Food Service Director. He most recently worked at the VA Medical Center in Salisbury, N. C., and previously was employed as Food Service Director for Wilkes General Hospital, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Ray and his wife, Carolyn, live in Wilkesboro with their three children; Patrick, age 16; Kelly, age 13; and Jennifer, age 11. The Harvel family is active in scouting.

Harvel is currently enrolled in Wilkes Community College, majoring in Business Administration. He is a course graduate in Dietetics from Auburn University. Ray is a member of the VFW, American Legion, and DAV.

As a member of the American Society for Hospital Food Service Administrators, the N. C. Society for Food Service Administrators, and having an extensive food service background from twenty years of military service, Ray brings to Davis Hospital the type of leadership needed to operate a progressive Food Service Department.

We are pleased to have Ray with us and look forward to many good meals with him.

Bloodmobile Sets Record

The Bloodmobile sponsored by Davis Hospital on January 29, 1982, at Front Street Baptist Church, set a five year record, according to local Red Cross Executive Director, Miss Betty Holland. Two hundred ninety-three pints were collected with twenty-three deferrals. Forty-one first time donors were reported which was excellent.

Employees of Davis Hospital, TAKE A BOW! Your promotion and support of this worthwhile community project was indeed outstanding.



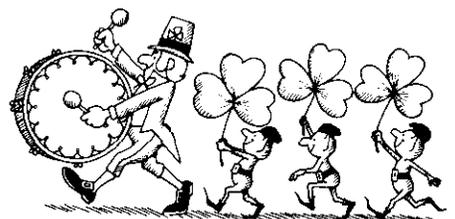
ED Clerks Preparing For The Future

Our Emergency Department Clerks have been involved in typing and data entry classes for several months. The classes, taught by Mrs. Kathy Talbert, Personnel Assistant, are being presented as preparation for the updating of the registration process in our Emergency Department.

The basic typing course was offered to the clerks as a refresher course. Many had not typed for a long period of time. It was advantageous for them to renew their memory of the keyboard placement before beginning data entry.

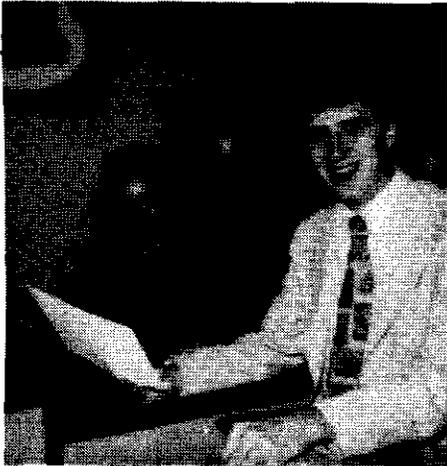
The participants are now in the process of learning to register a patient for an emergency or out-patient visit. They have been instructed in the basic theories of data entry as they apply to our system, the common terminology used by our data processing personnel, and in the actual procedure they will be using to register patients.

A transition period will soon be taking place in our Emergency Department with the installation of a CRT display. This change hopefully will make the process of registering emergency and out-patient visits faster and more efficient.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MARCH 17th

United Way Recognition



Debbie Comer and Craig James are ALL SMILES with United Way Award.

Davis Hospital was one of ten organizations to receive special recognition by the Statesville United Way Campaign at the annual year end dinner February 4, 1982. This award was presented to local businesses and industries that reported an increase in employee giving over the year of 1980. Employees of Davis Hospital increased their pledges by 135.6% in the 1981 campaign through the leadership of Debbie Comer and Craig James, Co-Chairpersons.

Mr. Jim Cline, Assistant Administrator for Personnel and Community Relations, attended the meeting and proudly accepted the certificate of appreciation on behalf of the employees of our wonderful hospital. Plans are being made to have the award framed and placed in the hospital dining room for all employees to enjoy.

Congratulations staff! You're the best! Thank you for caring.

Perinatal Medicine

An update course in perinatal medicine is being taught at Mitchell Community College by Doctors Jim Madison and Edwin Fulghum. Attention will be given to recognizing high risk pregnancies, evaluation, transport, and treatment of common neonatal problems. Doctors Margaret Willhide and Curtis Shell will assist in presenting post-natal topics. The course is designed as a review of perinatal topics for nurses, pediatricians, obstetricians and other health professionals.

Eight continuing education credits (CERPS and CEAPS) are offered for the course which will continue each Wednesday night thru March 10th.

People In The News ---

ZELMA KILBY (OR), HELEN GIBSON (OR), and INEZ TOMLIN (CSR) attending a seminar on Sterilization and Central Service Processes on January 29, 1982, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

MARY JO DANNER, EDITH HOOVER, BRENDA MARTIN, PEGGY PRIVETTE, and HAZEL WILSON completed a 6-hour certification course in CPR. WANDA STUTTS completed a re-certification course in CPR. The course, sponsored by the American Heart Association, was held on January 25, 1982.

TAMMY MILLER attended a "Medical Subject Headings" workshop sponsored by AHEC and held in Salisbury. The 6-hour course was held on December 9, 1981.

WANDA STUTTS is enrolled in a graduate program at UNC-G. She begins her course work this semester, working towards a Masters of Science in Nursing.

Officers for 1982 for the Staff Nurses Group are: NORMA FORREST, RN, Chairperson; JOAN HALL, RN, Co-Chairperson; and DEBRA GARNER, RN, Secretary. The objectives of this group are (1) to identify ways of improving nursing care and service, (2) to discuss nursing service problems and policies and recommend nursing approaches to these problems, (3) co-ordinate with the Staff Development Coordinator in providing programs to promote professional and educational advancement from all nurses, and (4) to share departmental information.

Scoops

PATRICIA PENCE, R.N. (OR) and husband Walter, are the parents of a baby girl, Amelia Lane, born December 20, 1981.

MARY ANN FORD, R.N. (OR) and husband, Bill, are the parents of a baby boy, Luke Aaron, born December 17, 1981.

GAYNELL KISER, RN (Peds) and husband, Junior, are the parents of twin boys, Joshua and Jason, born December 16, 1981.

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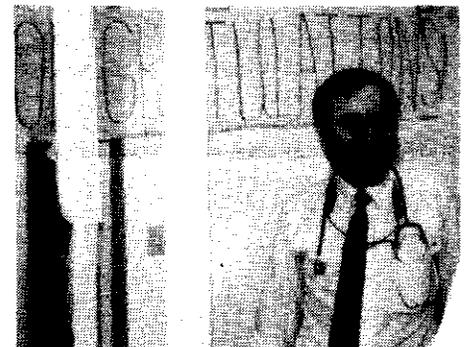
CPR

Physicians and Nursing personnel participated recently in a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Review program conducted by the Staff Development Department. Instructors were Mr. Eddie Greene, Certified Red Cross CPR Instructor-Trainer for Iredell County, and Miss Betty Vanstory, Certified Red Cross First Aid and CPR Instructor.



Mr. Eddie Greene, Certified Red Cross CPR Instructor - Trainer for Iredell County, observes as Dr. Benjamin Bowen practices CPR techniques.

In conjunction with heart awareness month, the Staff Development Department also sponsored two CPR training sessions for the public, February 8-12. Miss Cindy Cothran and Miss Betty Vanstory, Certified Red Cross CPR Instructors, taught a morning and evening class with approximately 20 participants in each nine hour session being certified in CPR.



Dr. Jim Madison returned to his office in the Pediatric Clinic December 22 to find that it had been "rolled" with toilet paper and assorted decorations. The American Academy of Pediatrics had notified him December 19th that he had passed the written portion of the Pediatric Boards and the decorations were in recognition of having successfully survived this ordeal. The new decor was so attractive that it was left in tact for several days. What will happen when he takes the final oral portion of the boards in two years?