Spencerian Medical Association Honors Medical Assistant Students

A momentous occasion it was; and a most impressive sight to see the twenty-eight Medical Assistant-Secretary students receive their medical pins. They had all worked hard, and the honor of wearing the Spencerian Medical Secretary Pin was a cherished one.

Trinity Towers was the scene of the semi-annual pinning ceremony, and a large crowd attended the July 21 affair. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Wanda Taylor, a medical assistant for nineteen years and now assistant to Dr. R. D. Cooper. Mrs. Taylor is past president of the Kentucky Medical Assistants' Association and the Jefferson County Medical Assistants' Association.

In her talk Mrs. Taylor said, "The role of a medical assistant is not an easy one. You may be an assistant, a secretary, a bookkeeper, or a receptionist. In short, she continued, ""you'll be a medical girl-Friday."" In her charge to the "medicals" Mrs. Taylor concluded, "You should render service to the doctos to the best of your ability and uphold the dignity and honor of the Medical profession."

OUT OF THE PAST

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NEW COURSE -- SECRETARIAL

Trains for Positions as Secretary and Confidential Business Assistant.

It is generally admitted by business men and especially by the heads of large mercantile, manufacturing and financial institutions that there is no class of workman in the field of business that is so scarce as the properly educated and trained secretary. And there is no line of business employment that should appeal more strongly to young people, none that offers the opportunities for advancement and success that are offered the secretary to the head of a large financial or business enterprise. There is a constant and growing demand in business for young people who are properly qualified for secretarial work and it is to meet this urgent demand that we have arranged and introduced, to commence September 1, 1908, a new course to be known as the Secretarial Course.

This course is based upon our present Pll Business Training Course and in addition to our present course in Bookkeeping and Accounting, Business Practice, Banking, Commercial Law, shorthand, Typewriting, etc., will be added a course in Business Organization and Management, Commercial Geography, Civil Government, English Composition and Letter Writing, Advertising, and Public Speaking.