

# **news** THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS

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DALLAS--Three employees of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School whose tenure dates back a quarter-century to the school's early days in shacks behind old Parkland Hospital were among eight honorees at a luncheon Wednesday (Dec.13).

Receiving engraved bracelets and certificates for 25 years' service to the school were Doris M. Coker, chief telephone operator; Juanita Epperson, administrative assistant in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology; and Elinor Reinmiller, reference librarian.

The presentations were made during the medical institution's annual Service Awards luncheon, held at noon in the El Dorado Room of the Marriott Motor Hotel, 2101 Stemmons.

A 20-year service certificate was presented to John Sheard, superintendent of remodeling and construction at the medical school. Fifteen-year awards were given to Fred Albert, Benoy Edwards, Robert C. Lipsey and Marcella Reed.

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Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, newly designated parent organization for UT medical, graduate and allied health school components here, was host for the luncheon and presented the awards. He thanked the longtime staff members for their "invaluable assistance during a time when the school has made long strides toward excellence in medical education which is nationally recognized."

Luncheon speaker Dr. Robert W. Lackey, professor emeritus of physiology, reminisced about Southwestern's shaky start during World War II in "pre-fab" buildings--days of "leaky roofs, drafty rooms, and the very real danger of falling through the floor."

Special guests included administrators, department heads, senior faculty members and 26 prior awardees who have served the school 15 or more years.

In separate departmental ceremonies at the Health Science Center this week, 17 additional employees were to be recognized for 10 years' service and 35 were to get five-year awards.

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