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Center Will Honor Dr. Thelma Patten

Dr. Thelma Patten, one of the first Negro members of the Harris County Medical Association, will be honored by the Planned Parenthood Center at a reception Friday afternoon.

The event marks 25 years of service with the Center by Dr. Patten who was instrumental in the establishment of the Center in 1936 and the opening of its clinic in 1939.

Born in Huntsville, Dr. Patten has practiced medicine in Houston since 1924. She received her medical degree from Howard University, Washington, D. C., in 1923, and was an intern at Freedmen's Hospital in that city.

Dr. Patten, who became a doc-



DR. THELMA PATTEN
Honored physician.

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were admitted to the Harris County Society in November of 1955, becoming the first Negro physician to gain membership.

Although a general practitioner, most of Dr. Patten's work with the clinic is concerned with obstetrics and gynecology. The Center assists some 3000 persons a year with family planning.

Dr. Patten is also on the staffs of St. Elizabeth's and Riverside hospitals.

tor through the encouragement of her father, is a member of the City Health Board and is a former member of the Texas State Tuberculosis Board. She is also a member of the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

She and Dr. John Madison