

SCIENCE CORNER

OPERATION ON MRS. RABBIT

Mrs. Rabbit, suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis, was brought to Physiology Hospital March 28, 1934. Mr. Rabbit, seeing that all bills were paid at the business office (Mrs. Taylor) had her brought to the third ward, where she remained until 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The patient was moved from the third ward and carried in the bread-box to the operating room. Doctor Ferno Wood administered the ether very slowly. At 3:40 p. m. the operation began. Drs. Avery, McKenzie, Robinson, and Moore strapped the patient to the operating table. Dr. Avery, performing her first operation, began to remove the fur from the body of the rabbit. The incision began just below the sternum, and stopped at the legs of the animal. Dr. McKenzie handed the correct instruments to the chief surgeon. All of the doctors gathered around the dear patient to notice peristalsis; all vital organs, liver, pancreas, stomach, small and large intestines, kidneys and gall bladder; and several blood vessels, renal, hepatic portal, inferior vena cava, common iliaes, and Dorsal aorta.

Mr. Rabbit, inquiring about his dear wife: "Is she all right now?"

Reply: "Yes." Slam went the door.

To the regret of many of the surgeons, Chief Surgeon Lillian Avery said: "We must open the thoracic cavity; something is wrong with her heart."

Another severe operation began, which we knew would result in the death of our patient. I know the doctors understand, but in case you have forgotten, the pressure in the thoracic cavity has been changed and nearly always results in death.

The heart, lungs and ribs were noticed. The contraction of the auricles and ventricles were the center of attraction. A salt solution (made by Dr. Tobias) was poured over the heart and small intestines. The contraction of the heart became rapid, and the peristalsis waves continued. Many of the doctors counted the contraction of the heart; the result was 97 beats to a minute.

Dr. Jordan opened the stomach and tested for the presences of acid and alkalinity in the small intestine. She received the positive results. Drs. Robinson and Jackson studied carefully the blood under microscopes; they found that the blood had clotted and no cells could have been seen distinctly. Doctor Tobias showed the cardiac and pyloric values to several of the surgeons. She also showed the trachea tube, thyroid gland, and larynx. (Please learn how to pronounce before taking Physiology 106.) Dr. Hoffman carefully studied the structures of heart and kidneys.

The news flashed to Mr. Rabbit, stating the death of his wife. He said: "I am so sorry . . . (crying) . . . bu - t . . . Rev. Dr. Pauline Waters will take charge of the funeral arrangements. The burial will be in the furnace of the Physiology Hospital, Ginger Bread House, Greensboro, N. C.

M. H., '37.

EIGHTH HOME-MAKING INSTITUTE WEEK

The annual Home-Making Institute Week of this year, May 6-12, was of great value to all who followed its course. The home of today was analyzed and each of its factors was discussed by some efficient researcher from various parts of the Union. At the opening exercises, an address, "The Home and the New Deal," was delivered by Mr. Forrester B. Washington, director of Negro work, financial Federal Emergency Relief Association, of Washington, D. C. He gave five factors which elevate or demolish the family of today: control of environment, civic control, inculcation of social values, orientation, and regeneration. From his research he found that as a result of present economic conditions the Negro tends to be content in the groove of dependency, with lowered standards of living. As a means of escape from present economic factors, we find change of religious faith, politics, and even a breaking away from the color line. Many other revelations were made as a result of Mr. Washington's own research.

The home in relation to religion was beautifully discussed by Mrs. Walter R. Brown, vice-president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in an address, "Religion, the Unifying Force in the Home." She stressed the fact that worship, though in a different manner from our grandparents, has stood the test of time and has proved to be the one substantial thing to which we resort in the turmoil of the times.

Since the child forms such an important section of the home circle, time had to be devoted to the subject. Mrs. Julius Carroll, of Baltimore, Maryland, delivered an address, "Child Training," in which she discussed the need of careful guidance of the child during the plastic years so as to have adults in the next generation who are healthy from all viewpoints.

"Business and the Home," by Dr. P. B. Young, editor of "The Norfolk Journal and Guide," was very enlightening and revealed facts of vital importance in relation to our economic and social future. Following this address the annual banquet of the business men of Greensboro and vicinity was held in Wilbur F. Steele Hall.

Home in relation to the all-important subject of health was discussed by Dr. L. O. Miller, of Asheville, N. C. He spoke on "Tuberculosis in the Home" from his own experience as a physician and the facts were so clearly stated that even a child could understand. Also Miss Margaret Edwards, dean of Home Economics of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, in her address, "Health," emphasized the influences of the individual upon the group, influences of environment and heredity, and the development of the child from all viewpoints. She based her talk upon Lita Banc's code for Home Economists: To have every home economically sound, mechanically convenient, artistically satisfying, socially responsible, spiritually inspiring, mentally sound, morally wholesome, physically healthy, founded upon mutual affection and respect.

Along the line of sociology, Professor Glen

Have You Heard That—

On April 13 and 14 a State-wide Inter-Collegiate Tournament was held at Bennett College under the auspices of the Little Theater Guild. There were nine participating colleges. The tournament was considered quite a success. Mr. Walter L. Smith is director of Dramatics at Bennett.

Mrs. Julius W. Cone delivered the monthly lecture to the students at a chapel exercise the second Tuesday in April. She spoke on the present conditions in Germany under Hitler.

The Board of Trustees of Bennett College was present on the campus, Saturday, May 6. There was a special chapel exercise at 11:30 o'clock, at which time Dr. Holgate presided.

The Senior Class of '34 had its Class Day program in chapel Friday morning, April 6.

Saturday night, May 5, the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss M. Jackson and assisted by Miss G. Thomas, gave its recital in Carrie Barge chapel at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Maidie Ruth Gamble gave three readings and the quartette rendered several numbers.

The Sophomores entertained their week-end guests on the week-end of April 27. A birthday dinner on Friday evening, a play presented by member of the Dramatic Club, and a party on Saturday evening constituted the entertainment.

Johnson, professor of Sociology at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, in "Trends in the American Family Today," revealed changes in the home due to industry, science, religion, education, and other factors. Miss Ruth Rush, dean of women of North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham, rendered an address, "College Women's Contribution to the Home." Among the most important contributions are: a well-developed personality—ability to adjust and the art of getting along, emotional maturity, and introspection. She emphasized the importance of courses in preparation for marriage, children, and family life. Home Economics courses place too much emphasis on technique, tangible things and processes, and not enough on persons.

"Music in the Home," in the form of a playlet, was rendered by Misses Marylou Jackson and Gladys Thomas. Throughout the week, selections were given by Bennett College Glee Club, A. and T. College Quartette, J. C. Priece School, Dudley High School Chorus, and a recital was given by Mr. Herbert Lyons and Mrs. Grace W. Lyons.

The ground-breaking service was held on the plot for our New Pfeiffer Hall. The week was crowned with a "Fashion Revue" in the gymnasium.

The purpose of this institute is "to give the students of the college and the people of the community a fairer knowledge of home-making and at the same time establish in them the sense of appreciation for home life." E. P., '35.

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