

This 'n' That

By Mrs. Mary Whiting Thomas

The pink smocks are now seen in three of Durham's Hospitals: Duke, Lincoln and now Watts, which opened its new Hospitality Shop last month. Operating under the sponsorship of the Women's Auxiliary at Watts, it is the first of many services they hope to provide for their patients. Mrs. Eagle and Mrs. Carter met with the group last Fall for a planning session and this reporter discussed the business set-up with them at a recent organizational meeting.

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Have you seen the signs posted around "Are YOU a Litter-Bug?" They are aimed at the ones who are careless in throwing trash on the floors. Keeping any place as large as Duke Hospital clean is a full-time job as anyone knows. Why don't we all consider ourselves as volunteer "White Wings" and when we see papers, crumpled cigarette packs or any pick-up-able refuse, just see that it reaches one of the many containers around. It surely would contribute to a much better picture.

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For months past, the Women's Auxiliary has had a special coffee service available to patients who are connected in any way with the University, or are just plain VIP's. This is a service without charge, and the Auxiliary is delighted to do it, but the drawback is that our Thermos bottles which convey the coffee have a way of disappearing. We would appreciate other employees on the wards seeing that they are returned to us.

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Recently, a testimonial dinner was given to Dr. Emil Novak of Johns Hopkins on the occasion of his retirement from his many years' service in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecological Pathology. Of the many men associated over the years with Dr. Novak, our own Dr. Bayard Carter was invited to make the principal speech.

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The Florida State Association of Ob. and Gyn. holds its 80th session this month at Hollywood, Fla. Dr. "Buck" Thomas will deliver three talks during the meet.

New Orleans Key to Doctor

By Miss Maxine Cook

On March 9, the city of New Orleans extended a gracious and hospitable hand of welcome to one of her visitors, and presented the key to the city. This was an honor not bestowed on many, but in this case was unique. The honoree was our own Dr. Julian Ruffin, and this was the first time a doctor of medicine has been presented the key. We hope New Orleans understands this gives Dr. Ruffin dual citizenship but Durham holds first claim by reason of seniority.

Not to be outdone, Dr. Ruffin's former secretary, Mrs. Margaret MacEwen visited Sims-Williams a little ahead of schedule and came away with a rare gift, personalized by a head of red hair, a little girl named Kimberly Ann.

Miss Rosalyn Lightsey, of the Social Service Department, will be married in May to Dr. Charles L. Rast, Jr., resident on the Cardiology Service. All of us give our best wishes.

Dr. Evelyn and Dr. Ralph Coonrad,

now at Fort Smith, Ark., were back for a very brief visit in late March. They expect to be back in Durham in 1955.

Miss Candy Jonas and Dr. C. H. Peete, Jr., are altar bound, and expect to reach there about June.

Mrs. Celia Suitt, who was formerly secretary to the Medical Resident, was back recently with her husband for a short visit. They are living in a delightful little mountain town and are very pleased to come down to the lowlands only to visit.

Almost immediately after Mrs. Suitt's visit, Dr. Jerry Rodnan, who was Medical Resident when she was here, appeared briefly, lingering around his old haunts long enough to say little more than hello.

Mrs. William Tillery of the X-Ray Therapy Department has a new little boy, born at Watts Hospital on February 24, named William Marvin. Mrs. Tillery will be back with us in the future and this is good news to everybody.

Duke Couple Bound for Honolulu in July

By Miss Gertrude Elliott

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McGowan will be leaving Duke shortly. Dr. McGowan will intern at Sampson Memorial Hospital in Clinton until July, at which time he will enter the Army, stationed at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. What is Dickie planning to do? Relax in the sunshine and enjoy keeping house. We envy you, Dickie.

Mrs. Nan Gutierrez also will be leaving Duke to assume the position of assistant director of nurses at Gravelly Sanatorium at U. N. C. Hospital. Good luck, Nan! We're going to miss you.

Mrs. David Dellinger, formerly Lou Alford of the Dietetics Department, is in Tallahassee, Fla., where she is awaiting her husband's return from Korea. He was on the Air Force R.O.T.C. staff here last year.

We've had news that Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Chick are in Kansas City, Mo., where Ernie is interning in pathology and Joanne is clinical instructor in Ob. They expect to return to Duke in June with a "little Kelbert."

Jane Smith is now working at Toronto General Hospital in Canada after a vacation in Florida.

The proud parent department:

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMillan have a son, born March 13. Mrs. McMillan was formerly Dr. Hart's secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Griffin's son, Vernon Francis Jr., arrived March 16. Mrs. Griffin was formerly head nurse in the Recovery Room here.

Sammy and Billy Martin welcomed a chubby little red-haired sister into the family circle on Feb. 13. Their parents are Doctors Sam and Ruth Martin.

Dr. and Mrs. John Ashe announce the arrival of a daughter on Feb. 7. Dr. Ashe is resident on Ob. Gyn.

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Becker have a new daughter, born Feb. 20. They also have a son, Richard, age 10.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lorenzen have an eight pound, eight ounce daughter as of March 3. You'll remember Mrs. Lorenzen as Jo Anne Fry of the Nursing School, Class of '52. They are living now in Arizona.