

Supt's Corner



We are extremely happy to extend a warm welcome to the many new members of our Staff who have joined us since the beginning of our fiscal and academic year. To the 40 or more new additions to our nursing staff we extend a particularly cordial welcome. We do so, not only because we are glad to have you as individuals but also because you represent the achievement of a relatively complete nursing staff for the first time in a decade or more.

We are confident that this achievement is going to enable us to institute measures for the improvement of our nursing service which will not only greatly benefit our patients and other members of our Staff, but will add greatly to the satisfaction you can obtain from your work with us.

For example, we hope that we may now proceed with the development of an intensive nursing service for the more acutely ill patient. We also hope to push ahead with the development of team nursing beyond the seven wards now benefiting from this concept.

In welcoming new members of the Staff we are reminded of the pleasure we always derive from making new friends among the many new student and staff groups who come here. We are likewise reminded of the sadness which accompanies their departure. Some we shall see again and some we shall not. It is good to remember that all of them leave something with us which cannot be lost; whether it be the years of dedicated service of an Elizabeth Glen Swett or the fine experience of one year's friendship and association with a Dr. T. C. Kao.

No suggestions were received by this column in response to our request for ideas in developing a program for promoting an even greater atmosphere of friendliness in Duke Hospital. What about some? Maybe you have been doing instead of suggesting. A visiting nurse from another country recently wrote me upon departure: "I am very grateful for all that was done to make my stay at Duke

beneficial to me. I am most grateful of all, however, for showing me that one can be an efficient nurse without being cold and impersonal."

Merry Christmas ahead of time.

This 'n' That

Physical Therapy

Miss Eleanor Flanagan represented the Physical Therapy Department on a panel "Physical Therapy in the Management of Medical and Surgical Chest Cases" at the N. C. Chapter meeting in Asheville, October 1st.

Mrs. Hans Peters from Germany, who has been with us for four months, left us the first of December to go to Augusta, Georgia, where her husband, Dr. Hans Peters, will be an instructor in Pathology at the Medical School.

Mrs. R. Martin Jordan has also left us to join her husband who is in the Air Force.

Miss Constance Jenks was married to Robert Peake of Durham in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on November 26th.

Miss Ethel Dreyer, formerly of Charity Hospital at New Orleans, has been with us since September 1st and is an instructor in the Physical Therapy program.

The Physical Therapy Division held an open house on Friday, December 2nd, for high school and college students. There was a demonstration of treatment technique as well as presentation of selected cases.

Ten Physical Therapy students received their certificates at a dinner held in the Trinity Room on December 8th. The guest speaker was Dr. James T. Cleland.

Anatomy

Dr. Hetherington attended a meeting of the Tissue Culture Association in Washington, D. C., in November.

Dr. Markee and Dr. Peele represented the department at "the Southern" in Houston, Texas. Dr. Markee received an Honorable Mention for his exhibit.

Psychiatry

Dr. Charles Llewellyn has joined the department as an Associate in Psychiatry at the Kirby Clinic. Dr. Llewellyn has just finished a tour of duty in the Army.

Dr. Bill Wilson, who is now on the Psychiatry staff at the V. A., has a new daughter. The young lady has two older brothers.

Three new secretaries have come to the department in the past few months: Mrs. Sheila Grodsky, whose husband is a second year medical student, is secretary to Dr. Louis Cohen; Mrs. Mildred Hean is working with Dr. Lowenbach; and Elizabeth Lansing is secretary to the Geriatrics Research Project.

Pediatrics

New members of the department: Dr. Doris A. Howell has been appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in Hematology. Dr. Karl Leitheiser has rejoined the staff as an Assistant Resident. Charlotte Terhune will soon begin work with Dr. Howell as a laboratory technician in the position now held by Nell Schrader.

And to Jeff and Skippy Painter, a little girl, Fran.

Physiology

Dr. Penrod was in San Antonio, Texas, November 14-16, attending a meeting on Medical Education for National Defense.

Pathology

We welcome a new secretary to the department: Gerry Kaplon. Gerry comes to us from W. C. in Greensboro where she was an English major.

Medical PDC

Kathryn Montague, secretary to Mr. Cobb, served as delegate of the Durham Chapter of the National Secretaries Association at the Southeastern District Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, November 11-13. She was awarded third place in the district contest for her essay on "Public Relations for the Secretary."

Medicine

Dr. and Mrs. Henry McIntosh have a new baby girl, born in early October.

Helen Hilderman, Dr. Estes' technician, left November 16 on a Bermuda-bound cruise.

Dr. Hans Gieraths, a guest of Dean Davison's, has been an observer in the medical department since August. He finished his stay on November 16 and is now on his way back to his native Germany.