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Public Relations Meet

The Duke Medical School will be host to the 1956 Annual Public Relations Conference sponsored by the Medical Society of North Carolina.

The meeting will be held Feb. 23 in Page Auditorium.

Anniversary Yearbook To Be Published

The Senior Class of the Medical School is compiling a yearbook commemorating the 25th anniversary of the School and Duke Hospital.

All persons desiring copies are asked to contact the editor, Norm Shealy, Box 2844, by March 15, so names may be placed on their copies.

Copies of the yearbook, which will feature photographs and historical information about Duke, will be limited, so everyone interested is urged to place his order early.

It's a sad day for the anatomy department.

Albert the Alligator is dead, and, alas, he died of a broken heart.

A healthy diet of cockroaches and rats and loving care in an aquarium in Mae King's lab wasn't enough to help him overcome the loss of his mate, Alberta, a few months ago.

Albert and Alberta were sent to Dr. Talmage Peele by Mrs. Dave Reynolds' father after traveling by air from Florida, had become acclimated to life at Duke Hospital—in fact, had thrived on it until Alberta's demise that is (from a sudden change of temperature, we understand).

Anyway, Albert pined away—and if someone wants to make the anatomy department happy, send 'em a new pet.



DUKE HOSPITAL'S new wing, now under construction, will look like this upon completion. The architect's conception of the handsome addition to the hospital shows the back of Baker House at the right. The entrance will be the ambulance drive. Progress to date indicates that the wing will be opened about March, 1957, according to assistant superintendent L. E. Swanson.

Mrs. Hobgood Retires Feb. 1

Duke Hospital is losing one of its favorite people.

Mrs. Burke Hobgood, director of the outpatient clinic, resigned on Feb. 1, after 25 years of loyal and devoted service. Her kind and understanding attention for thousands of patients with financial problems has made for her a place of respect and affection at the hospital and in the community, and to many, her name has become synonymous with the best that is Duke.

"I'm just going to be a lady of leisure," Mrs. Hobgood said upon retiring. "I love to cook and sew and play bridge and visit my friends. I'm looking forward to working in my yard with a great deal of pleasure, too."

In addition to keeping house and growing roses at her home on Edwards Street, Mrs. Hobgood is planning several leisurely trips to visit relatives and friends in North Carolina and other states. Her immediate plans include a trip with son Alton,

a professor of English at Georgia Tech, during his Spring vacation. Enroute to Atlanta, Mrs. Hobgood will stop in Western North Carolina and later perhaps will visit friends in Indiana. Her other sons, Burke III and his family, and Langhorne make their home in Durham.

It wasn't easy for either Mrs. Hobgood or Duke employees to say goodbye.

"I left with mixed feelings," she explained. "I will cherish and love the memories of these 25 wonderful years at Duke. It's been a most rewarding experience for me.

"And people have been so lovely to me. I've just appreciated all the things that were said and done for me by the patients, the welfare workers, the doctors and employees, just everyone."

Duke's affection for Mrs. Hobgood is shared by literally thousands of people who've known her as associates and as patients.