

Supt's Corner



The retirement of Mrs. Burke Hobgood serves as a forceful reminder that after twenty five years Duke Hospital is having the painful experience of entering into its second generation.

The passing from the scene of activity of an increasing number of our first generation is a repeatedly painful experience. Mrs. Hobgood's retirement will be a particularly painful one. Perhaps no one other person has literally meant "Duke Hospital" to so many thousands of people as Mrs. Hobgood. Her unvarying sympathy, courtesy and understanding has been extended unstintingly to all-comers and has been repaid by the affection and gratitude of the multitude of people she has served so warmly and so well. Our hospital owes her a great debt for never allowing its tremendously rapid growth to temper her activities with any diminution in the keen sense of personal interest in every patient. There has been no sense of impersonality or institutionalism in the conduct of her office.

"Miss Reba" often likes to tell jokes about her size. We have to admit that she is a big woman—big in many ways other than physical stature, but she can never be as big as her heart which has been big enough all these years to hold all of us and all of our patients too.

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Announcement of a Ford Foundation grant of \$250,000 for the expansion or improvement of our services to the public is no longer a matter of news. It continues, however, to be a stimulating challenge to us not to take the easiest way out in quickly applying these funds to meet some of our most obvious current needs which might possibly be met some other way.

The way in which these funds were granted in support of the voluntary non-government institutions is a far sighted recognition of the importance of privately supported institutions in the perpetuation of our Democracy. Such vision in giving deserves



DON'T BE A LITTER-BUG

(Cartoon by Bob Blake)

Duke Named To National Defense Program

Duke University Medical School has just been named to the Medical Education for National Defense program, Dean Davison has announced.

The MEND program seeks to introduce into medical teaching subjects which will help graduates to serve more competently in the armed forces or as civilians in time or national emergency.

Auxiliary Meeting

A general membership meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary is set for 8

equal vision in application. It is our fervent hope that the best thinking of all of us will go into and result in a use of these funds which will be commensurate with the inspired beneficence of the donors.

p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Men's Graduate Center.

Speakers will be Miss Mildred Sherwood, pediatric nursing supervisor, and Miss Marian Batchelder, operating room supervisor.

Auxiliary By-Law Change

Official notice is hereby made to the Auxiliary membership of a proposed change in By-Law 7 of the Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws.

The By-Law now reads: "The fiscal year of the Auxiliary shall begin on April 1." It is proposed that it be changed to read "The fiscal year of the Auxiliary shall begin on January 1."

The change in date, to be voted on at the annual meeting in April, is in the interest of convenience and efficiency in the bookkeeping and in making annual reports and the audit.