

Supt's Corner



Reappearance in the halls of "cherry, cherry red" smocks, after the August closing of some Auxiliary activities, marks the beginning of a new year's work for one of the greatest assets we have. Dedicated to giving service, financial support and a better public understanding of the work of the hospital, our auxiliary's efforts are amply appreciated by all of us who see what they are doing.

What may not be so apparent locally, is the contribution which has been made to the development of hospital auxiliaries nationally by the leaders of our auxiliary. Through the years which have marked the major growth in hospital auxiliaries all over the country, representatives from our auxiliary have been called upon to participate in establishing policies which have proved so successful for auxiliaries everywhere. At the recent national meeting, where we were represented by Mrs. Shelton Smith (a member of the National Council) and Mrs. S. W. Myatt, public recognition was again accorded Mrs. Bayard Carter for originating both the national color and national slogan for auxiliaries.

All hospitals possessing an auxiliary are fortunate, but we at Duke are especially blest.

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While expressing appreciation for services rendered to the hospital, we would be extremely remiss if we did not give a great big hand to our nurses and nursing students who pulled us through a most difficult summer. Nurse shortages were so acute this summer that wards were closed at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and at many others. Such closings were averted here only because many graduate nurses worked the weeks around without regular time-off. head nurses and assistant head



nurses worked on all shifts and student nurses volunteered to work in addition to carrying their full class load. Such dedication to the objectives of the hospital is extremely gratifying and is worthy of recognition as exemplifying the finest traditions of nursing. This devotion to the service of patients is a refreshing reminder that high ideals still motivate the newer generation of nurses.

Rehabilitation Service Open

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and a graduate of Tulane University Medical School. He joins the Duke staff after three years of specialized training in physical medicine and rehabilitation in New York University's Bellevue Medical Center Rehabilitation Program.

According to Dr. deGravelles, "It is the purpose of a rehabilitation service to evaluate the disabled indi-

vidual's physical, intellectual, psychological, and vocational potentialities, to set a maximal but practical goal in accord with these potentialities, and then to lend all assistance possible to that individual in attaining and maintaining this goal." Dr. deGravelles is uniquely qualified to administer this program as he himself is an example of the successful efforts of such a service, having contracted paralytic poliomyelitis while a senior in medical school.

"In its teaching role, the service—in an advisory capacity—will help the hospital staff members and the medical students to implement rehabilitation techniques for more effective total patient care," he explained.

Dr. James H. Semans, chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee for the Duke Medical School and Hospital, pointed out that the Rehabilitation Service represents an extension of the hospital's services to the patients.