

Addition Soon to be In Full Use

Duke Hospital's new \$3,386,000 addition will be in virtually full use by the end of this summer.

Portions of the seven-story addition have already been opened, while other areas await only finishing touches, installation of equipment and staffing.

Four of the 10 new operating rooms are now being used. Most of the Medical Private Diagnostic Clinic and part of the Surgical P.D.C. are in use, although new furnishings for these areas have not yet arrived.

An intensive nursing unit for patients who need special care and one medical and one surgical floor of patient rooms are in operation.

The Out-Patient Department, which fills three floors of the air-conditioned addition, is scheduled to be occupied in late August. Designed to reduce waiting time and provide faster and more efficient medical service, the new O.P.D. will be able to serve an average of 500 out-patients per day—more than twice as many as existing facilities were designed to accommodate.

Research on Aging

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The proposed center will be based administratively in the Duke University School of Medicine. Existing laboratories and other facilities in the Medical School and Duke Hospital will be used for the center's program. Also, additional research space is now being prepared in a new seven-story addition to Duke Hospital and in a wing being added to the Bell Medical Research Building at Duke.

Commenting on the selection of Duke University for establishment of the pilot research center, Dr. Burney said that "in this state and this institution, there is a climate of opinion, of acceptance, wherein the ideal of transcending institutional and political boundaries in the search for com-

mon solutions of common problems may flourish."

Dr. Busse, who outlined plans for the center, explained that a Panel on Interdisciplinary Research will determine the research policies of the center.

Duke personnel serving with Dr. Busse on this steering panel will be Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr., chairman of the department of medicine; Dr. Philip Handler, chairman of the biochemistry department; Dr. Barnes Woodhall, professor of neurosurgery, and Dr. Eliot H. Rodnick, chairman of the psychology department. Ex-officio members will be Dr. Paul M. Gross, vice-president and dean of the University, and Dean W. C. Davison of the Duke School of Medicine.

Specific aims of the center, which is expected to be in operation within the next 18 months, include encouragement and support of fundamental research concerned with the phenomenon and health problems of aging; training of investigators for research in the problems of aging; and development of a source of scientific knowledge in the field of aging for state and local government as well as for private groups and individuals.

Among research projects being considered as part of the center's program is establishment of an interdisciplinary team involving psychiatry, internal medicine, surgery, nursing, psychology, social work and a consultant in sociology. This team will be concerned with alleviating the health problems of aging, study of preventive and therapeutic techniques in this field, and determination of the ideal composition of such an interdisciplinary health team.

Other contemplated projects include work in the field of changes in the cardiovascular system, the central nervous system, mental health, endocrinology, and biochemistry. Also attention will be given to studies concerned with the impact of legal, economic and social factors upon the health of the aged.

This 'n' That

Bacteriology

Jane Parker, former secretary to Dr. David T. Smith, will be married on Oct. 12 to Bill Smith, who is practicing law in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps has recently been employed as technician for Dr. Conant in the Mycology Lab.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Willett (Dr. Hilda Pope Willett) have moved into a new home on Galax Drive, Laurel Acres, in Raleigh.—*Martha Hadley,*

Surgery

Mrs. Barbara McCauley has resigned as Supervisor of the Surgical Stenographic Pool and will move to Burlington in August where her husband will be enrolled at Elon College. Mrs. Betsy Barton has been promoted to Supervisor of the Pool and the two new employees there are Marianne Stamper of Durham and Flora Waddell of Hillsboro.

Dr. Glenn Young completed the surgical residency June 30, and is now a member of the senior surgical staff.

Mrs. Teresa Wiethe is a new employee in Dr. Banks Anderson's office replacing Mrs. Ann Wells.

Mrs. Marylou Morgan is a recent employee in the Surgical Resident's Office replacing Mrs. Sylvia Kottler

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Picnic Pictures

The annual hospital picnics, held this year on July 18 and 20, were most successful, thanks to the excellent committees in charge. We're indebted to Supt. Porter for the excellent pictures of the staff picnic and are sorry to say that difficulties with the film prevented our including the employees picnic photographs. Virginia Miller, a maid in the Urology Clinic and Effie Fuller, a Housekeeping Department maid, were lucky winners of the hams.