

From The Auxiliary



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A recent addition to the Cardiac Catheter Laboratory is the Wollensak Anastigmat Projector. This is a ceiling viewer using movie film and operated by a push button hand control. This projector and a library of appropriate films were given by the Duke Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Twice a week children ranging in age from 3½ to 14 are patients in the Cardiac Laboratory. These children have congenital heart conditions, and by catheterizing their hearts doctors can determine whether surgery is needed. This procedure Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, the nurse in charge of the laboratory, explains is not painful, but for the average child is frightening. To catheterize the heart usually takes two to three hours. During this time the child must lie perfectly still with the room darkened. Before the use of the ceiling viewer one person was assigned to keep the patient calm, and often times a mild anesthetic was given. Now with the aid of the viewer which the child can operate himself, most of the anxiety is forgotten and the child's attention is centered on the action in the film. Characters range from "Little Lulu" (a favorite) to baseball heroes. So successful has the use of the viewer been, that anesthesia has been almost totally eliminated. The child returns to his room all smiles and eager to report on the "great picture show" he has just been to. The patient's good spirits serve, too, to reassure anxious parents.

This year's Thanksgiving Bake Sale, held annually to provide Christmas parties for the children's wards, brought in about \$168. This year Senior Girl Scout Troop 35 and Sec-



OPENING OF HANES WARD. Left to right: Dean W. C. Davidson of the Duke University School of Medicine; Duke Hospital Superintendent F. Ross Porter; Mrs. Frederic M. Hanes, widow of the first professor of medicine at Duke; Dr. W. S. Rankin, former director of the Hospital and Orphan Sections of the Duke Endowment; and Duke President Hollis Edens. Mrs. Hanes is shown cutting the ribbon to formally open Hanes Ward, a 40-bed medical ward named in honor of the late Dr. Hanes.

ond Class Scout Troop 82 assisted the Auxiliary in getting ready for Santa's annual visit. Troop 35 purchased and wrapped the gifts bought with the proceeds from the Bake Sale. Troop 82 made and filled Christmas stockings. Our thanks to the leaders and girls of Troops 35 and 82. Tree and room decorations were made by the patients themselves with help from the Children's Service Committee, and a Very Merry Christmas was had by all.

The second General Membership Meeting of the Auxiliary was held February 4th at 8 P.M. in the Men's Graduate Center.

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Veteran Employee Dies

James Bass, a member of the original housekeeping staff of Duke Hospital, died on December 26, 1957. From the time he came to work in October 1931 until his death, James fired the incinerator for the Hospital. During those years he made friends with the entire staff. Better known by his nickname, "Little Man," James was a bachelor with many hobbies. Two of his favorites were the cultivation of flowers and fishing, and these were always good for a bit of conversation with one of his many friends.

Plaudits

Dr. Keith S. Grimson, professor of surgery in the Duke University Medical School, has been named recipient of one of the 1958 Modern Medicine Distinguished Achievement Awards. Dr. Grimson is one of nine physicians