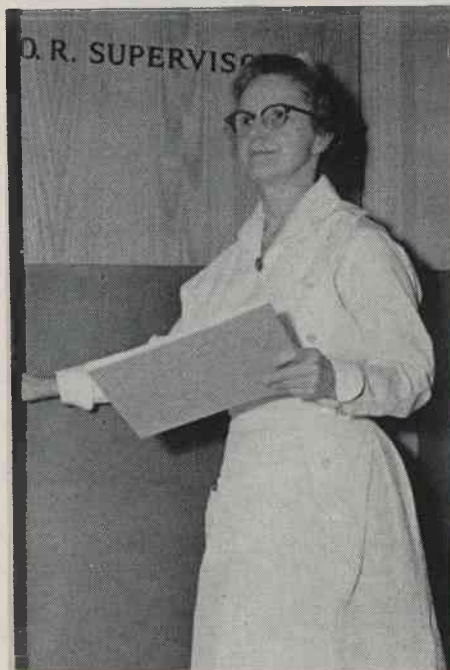




DR. C. RONALD STEPHEN, Professor of Anesthesiology and Chief of the Division of Anesthesiology, was born in Canada. He received his M. D. degree from McGill University in Montreal, his Diploma in Anesthetics from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, England. During the war he served as major in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. Dr. Stephen became an American citizen two years ago. He follows football, hockey and basketball with interest; swims and plays tennis; and tops it all off by being a hi-fi enthusiast.



MARION BATCHELDER, R.N., Supervisor of Operating Room Services. Miss Batchelder received her R.N. degree from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and remained there several years as head nurse and then operating room supervisor. Her next post was on the operating room

Grandma's Attic or Country Store?

Neither term quite describes the Duke Hospital Storeroom though it has some characteristics of each. The Storeroom stocks between 1200 and 1250 items, which range from safety pins to bolts of gauze 100 yds. long. The annual inventory for the fiscal year 1956-1957 was \$127,622.23.

Once a week the Storeroom issues to X-ray between \$750 and \$875 worth of film. A daily order of dressings to Central Supply will run about \$250. Twice a year the Storeroom orders 100 dozen sheets. No money actually changes hands, however. The Treasurer's Office debits the appropriate department account and credits the Storeroom.

In addition to items carried in stock, the Storeroom screens all orders from the Medical Center to the Purchasing Department except those for books, drugs, and food. For these direct orders the Storeroom simply receives the item and delivers it.

Work on a Storeroom Catalogue was begun in 1948 and completed in 1950. All merchandise was divided into nine categories and assigned stock numbers, the left-hand digit of which indicates the category. At the same time requisitions with a different color for each category were introduced. The number and color designation make order filling quicker and easier. The perpetual inventory which had run as much as six weeks behind can now be kept current.

Category 6, with a blue-green requi-

staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital. There she met Dr. Hart who invited her to join the Duke staff. Duke has been home to Miss Batchelder ever since. From 1953-1955 Miss Batchelder and Miss Mildred Sherwood, of the Duke Pediatrics staff, were granted leaves of absence to work with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Japan. They came home "the long way 'round" via Hong Kong, India, Europe, England and Scotland. What does Miss Batchelder like to do when she's not in the operating room? Horse-back riding, music and the theatre are all favorite forms of recreation.

sition, is Laboratory Glass. This category has the largest number of items but because many of them are small, stock can be ordered for six months at a time. The policy of ordering a six months' supply is followed in all categories where it is practical.

Dressings, on the other hand, (Category 4, requisition brown) are so bulky, that only one month's supply can be stored at a time. They are contracted for on a three months' basis, however. This is the longest period for which manufacturers will guarantee a price because they must deal on the open cotton market and allow for its fluctuations.

A housewife can learn in Category 5, Textiles, that a thread count of less than 140 for cotton is probably not a good buy. And if you could order your sheets made with the same width hems at each end, you could equalize the wear.

Finally, a safety pin which comes in Category 8—Patient Consumables—is used only once in Duke Hospital. If sterilized, they become discolored.

In charge of the Storeroom since 1945 is Mr. DeWitt Wright, an Assistant Superintendent on the Hospital Staff. Mr. Wright first came to Duke in 1936. He is a graduate of the Hospital's administrative program, and served for awhile as Night Superintendent. Working with Mr. Wright are two administrative interns. A new intern joins the staff every three months, and each spends six months in the department. Other Storeroom personnel include Mr. War-

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