

## From The Auxiliary



By Dorothy Sieker

I wonder how many of us wearing the cherry pink smock week after week have stopped to think just what it stands for. The March issue of Reader's Digest pays tribute to "The Ladies in Pink" in an article written by Paul W. Kearney. Our own Auxiliary was one of six cited for outstanding achievements. To quote from Mr. Kearney's article: "As part of the Duke University Medical Center, it caters to many patients brought in from smaller community hospitals. Hence a chief function of this Auxiliary is to add the warm sympathetic, good-neighbor touch to an institution where almost everyone is a stranger . . . 'These dedicated women supply a service and atmosphere which we cannot buy,' the administrator told us."

To date there are about 1200 hospitals throughout the country with Auxiliary groups belonging to the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, a six year old national organization sponsored by the American Hospital Association.

This kind of volunteer assistance is something new in American hospitals. True, there have been volunteer workers in hospitals since Civil War days. The "new" thing about the WHA effort is that for the first time there is a nation-wide organization of volunteers, devoted exclusively to hospital needs, organized under the auspices of specific hospitals, and responsible to the directors of these hospitals. Our own Auxiliary has actually been functioning for eight years and was one of the first to be recognized by WHA.

It is interesting to know, too, that the cherry-pink color which now stands as the official WHA color was

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## This 'n That

### NEW ARRIVALS

Dr. Dorothy Shearin, Pediatrics, a daughter, March 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton (Peter) McKay, Jr., Pediatrics, a daughter.

Jean and Bill Whitford, Psychiatry, a daughter, Judith Ann.

Mrs. Bernard Harris (Pat Brinkley), formerly of Dr. Sapp's office, a son, January 7, in Japan.

Mrs. Lola Hilburn, Record Library, a new granddaughter, Candice Lawrence Knight, in Rocky Mount, January 23.

### WEDDING BELLS

Eleanor Katsko, technician in the Media Room, Bacteriology, and Joseph Blackman were married February 15 and now live at 1003 Oakland Avenue.

Calvin Blue, lab helper in the Bacteriology Wash Room, was married February 15 to Shirley Green, who works in the Dietetics Department.

Dr. Julieta Perez and Dr. Donald F. Parsons will be married in July in Mexico City. Dr. Perez will finish her residency in anesthesiology in June.

Julie Mitchell of the Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic was married January 26. She is now Julie Bryant.

Faye Collins, Record Library, was married April 4 to William J. Hicks in the Fairview Baptist Church, Hillsboro.

### NEW FACES AND OLD

#### Social Service

George Ann Hertlein, Psychiatric Social Worker, resigned January 31 to take a position as Caseworker with the Child Welfare Division, District of Columbia Department of Public Welfare, Washington, D. C. Sally Carroll is substituting on that service until the position can be filled.

On February 28, Atha J. Cooper, student from the University of North Carolina School of Social Work, and Virginia Fleming, student from the

Atlanta University School of Social Work, completed their field work for their Master's degree in this department.

#### Surgical Private Diagnostic Clinic

Merita ("Rita") Keith joined the Surgical P. D. C. Business Office February 12.

Kitty Bennett is recuperating from measles. Her husband, Pete, is just back from active duty. Pete is well known throughout the hospital, because he delivered papers there while in school at Duke.

#### Record Library

Mrs. Je Harned Bufkin has been promoted to Associate Professor of Medical Record Library Science and Mrs. Betty Wiggins Kernodle has been appointed Instructor in Medical Record Library Science.

#### Psychiatry

Dr. Barry Shmavonian, associated with the Psychophysiological Laboratory, has been appointed Instructor in Medical Psychology.

Dr. Adriaan Verwoerd became resident in the Outpatient Clinic February 3.

Ann Lodge replaces Christina Gidynsky as clinical psychologist in the Outpatient Clinic.

Judie Ann Clark is secretary for the Applied Health Team of the Center for the Study of Aging. Joyce Brown is Dr. Hohman's new secretary. Joyce lives in Chapel Hill and before coming to Duke taught school in Hampton, Virginia.

#### Anesthesiology

The department wishes to express its sympathy to Dr. Sara Dent whose mother passed away March 3; and to the family of Dr. Jack Coughlin. Dr. Coughlin, a member of the V. A. staff, suffered a heart attack March 4.

#### Surgery

Dr. Richard Connell, who completed his residency in EENT in December,