

From The Auxiliary



By Dorothy Sieker

Well, it's all over but the shouting, and believe me, shouting, ringing of bells, or fireworks could never express the joys and jubilation among our "Ladies in Pink." May 10th will go down in Duke Hospital Auxiliary history as truly a day to be remembered.

Mrs. Bayard Carter paved the way, even to taking a positive approach to the weather. Despite the fact that the weather station reported "Durham indeed realized the wettest spring in some time," Mrs. Carter said it would not rain, so it didn't!

I wish I had space to list the names of all the Auxiliary members and their friends who gave so unselfishly of their time before and during the affair. Every member of the Auxiliary, in some way, shared in making the fair the success it proved to be. We owe particular thanks to the Durham Chapter of the National Secretaries Association for their many hours of typing and distribution of tickets and handbills. Merchants and business men in both Durham and Chapel Hill contributed prizes, donations, services and equipment.

Those of you who attended will agree it was truly a "fun day for young and old." It would be hard to pick the highlight of the fair. The Durham Fire Department's shiny red fire engine took so many children to ride its battery went dead! The wonderful motorcycle side-car from the Police Department, manned by Patrolman Brown, was so popular it finally ran out of gas. For the chil-

dren young and old, Buzzie Potts supplied many a smile. The Chuck Wagon was, of course, a busy favorite, serving delicious, juicy hot dogs (With or Without), cokes and ice cream.

Down along third base ran a true carnival Mid-way: gypsy fortune teller, "Ferdinand" with his bull's eye, a Fish Pond for young anglers. Dr. LeClereq was there to do on-the-spot sketches. The Sweet Shop, stocked from the kitchens of Durham's best cooks, sold out early. Nor were the gardeners forgotten—the Garden Booth offered beautiful cut flowers, plantings, and expert advice. The Handicraft and Needlework Booth displayed wares ranging from beautiful needlework to original ceramic pieces. The Clothes Line Sale had the usual fascination for bargain hunters. And the Pony Corral attracted all would-be cowboys and cowgirls. Exhibits by Allied Arts and the Children's Museum offered a change of pace.

The Big Top, with every show a sell-out, featured the tricks and mystic magic of Maestro Hal Stark and Junior League Puppet shows so popular an extra performance was given to satisfy the over-flow crowd.

The Duke NROTC Drill Team with its perfect timing and their Band's rousing arrangement of Dixie gave a formal touch. We appreciate their help.

The climax of the fair, I'm sure all will agree, was the coronation of the Duke Medical Center Personality Queen: Nina Waite of the Hospital Insurance Office. With the other four finalists (see Intercom picture page) serving as her court, her selection was announced by Mr. Porter.

The Fair was everything the Auxil-

iary had hoped for: an entertaining day for the whole family; a chance for the community to get to know the Auxiliary; and a financial success. While the books have not been "closed," receipts to date total approximately \$2200. This does not include final returns from the Clothes Line Sale which was continued the following Saturday.

In summing up we remind you that old truths are still true: NEVER, NO NEVER, UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A WOMAN.

Don't put your pink smocks in moth balls because we hope to run the Auxiliary services on a regular full-time schedule this summer. Juniors, fifteen or older, are being signed up for vacation relief work. If you know anyone who would like to help out as a regular Auxiliary member or as a vacation helper, please contact Mrs. Walter Seeley or Mrs. H. Shelton Smith. To those of you who will be vacationing for the summer, "Have fun. We'll see you in the fall."

Dear Medical Center Friends,

The designation, Miss Medical Center Personality of 1958, is an honor I receive with deep appreciation. I sincerely thank you for your affection and regard and for the most wonderful surprise of my life.

Nina Waite

P.S. I haven't received any TV, radio, or Hollywood offers yet, but as they roll in, I shall refuse them all. My heart is here with you, our patients, and Major Medical—one hundred per cent, no deductible.

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