

From The Auxiliary



By Dorothy Sieker

During the past few months several outstanding requests have been received by the Auxiliary. At the March Board meeting three of these requests were reviewed and granted.

The Neurosurgeons requested purchase of a special valve used in the treatment of hydrocephalic children. It was stated that treatment of hydrocephalus has always been poor because no ideal surgical procedure has been devised. Best results to date are obtained by shunting the cerebrospinal fluid, but unfortunately, the valve used for this costs \$60.00. Frequently the patient's family cannot afford this. Nor can the Hospital assume this cost. The Auxiliary Board voted to purchase four of these valves.

Another request pertaining to patient care and treatment came from the Nursing Service. This was for the purchase of alternating pressure point pads. These are used primarily for paralyzed, comatose and severely debilitated patients. They have proven beneficial, also, to painfully injured patients and those immobilized by traction or casts. After consideration, the Board was happy to inform the Nursing Service that four pads would be ordered by the Auxiliary.

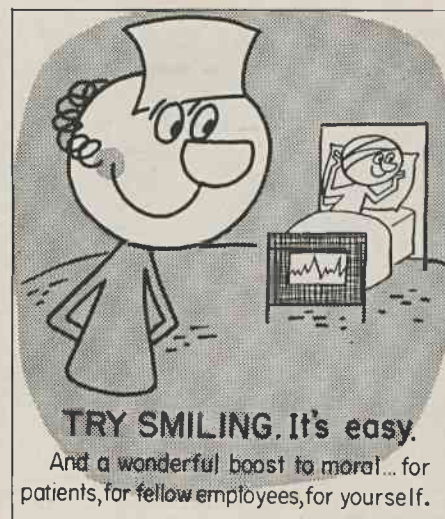
Turning from the professional needs, the Board reviewed a letter from Mr. L. R. Jordan, Assistant Superintendent, who asked assistance in "dressing up" the Waiting Room of the Out-Patient Department and the Medical Outpatient Clinic. Planters have been built into the Clinic Waiting Room, and the Auxiliary was asked to consider financing the planting. It was advised that artificial evergreens be used due to the continued expense involved in the planting and tending of live plants. We are happy

to report that several florists have been contacted and bids are coming in. So again the Auxiliary will play a part in helping to make and keep Duke Hospital attractive.

(Please don't think us boastful about our part in these activities—we only want to share with you our pleasure in having been able to help.)

It's that time of year again: Spring—just around the corner. To those of us in the Auxiliary, it means the annual "Pink Elephant" Sale. This year the sale was held in Baker House on March 19. As usual the Ways and Means Committee came through with flying colors, and the sale was a huge success.

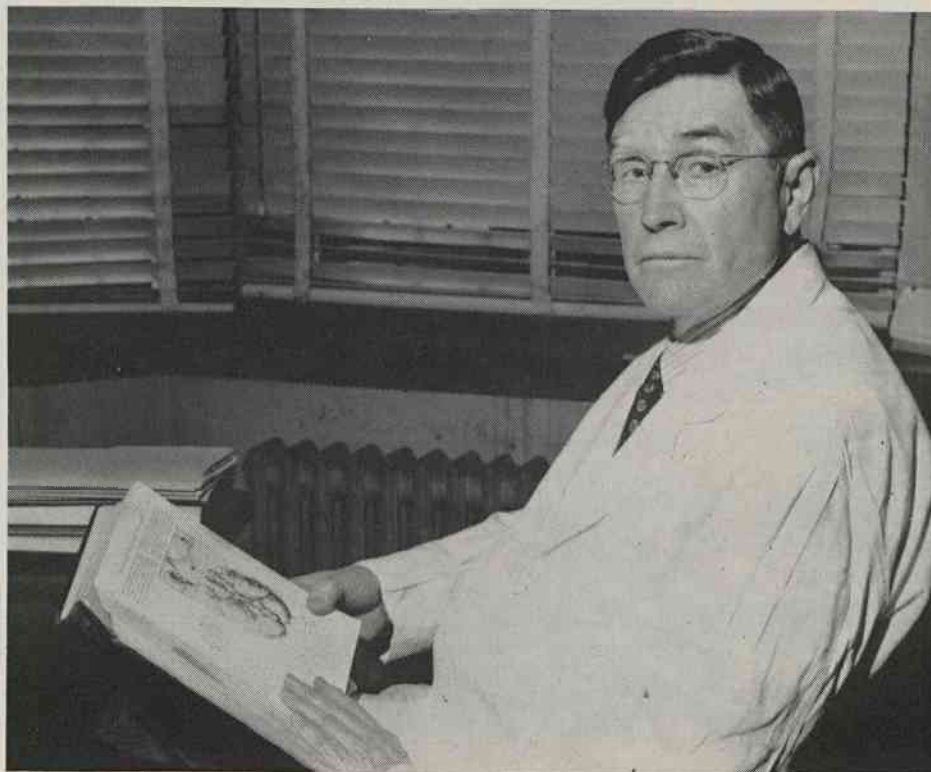
Another BIG event coming up. Please—mark your calendar right now. April 21st—the next membership meeting of the Auxiliary. To



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be held in the Ambulatory Dining Room off Reed Ward, this is the most important meeting of the year with election of officers and annual reports the order of business. The meeting will start at 8 P.M. Mark it down now—Membership Meeting—April 21—8 P.M. Will I see you there?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. FORBUS. "Alumni" of the Pathology Department returned to Duke March 13-14, to join the Medical Center Staff in paying tribute to Dr. Wiley D. Forbus on his 65th birthday. Scientific sessions combined with social activities which included a birthday banquet. Chairman of the Department of Pathology since the opening of Duke Medical School in 1930, Dr. Forbus takes great satisfaction in the fact that no fewer than 44 Duke-trained pathologists now hold positions of responsibility in medical schools over the country.