

From The Auxiliary



By Dorothy Sieker

Vacations are over and all is running on the regular full-time schedule here at the Auxiliary. For those able to continue working through the summer, the Auxiliary's new air-conditioned office was a pleasant relief from Durham's "unusually warm" days. Again this summer the Auxiliary was able to maintain its service to patients and hospital because of the able support of the "Juniors." Approximately 100 teenage volunteers worked under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Conant. Some worked several days a week all summer. Our thanks again to all you Junior Volunteers.

One of the most outstanding and exciting projects the Auxiliary has ever committed itself to was undertaken late this spring at an Executive Board meeting. The Board voted to contribute \$15,000 to the Hospital Chapel Fund. It is hoped that this initial donation by the Auxiliary will stimulate other contributions so that the Chapel can become a reality.

The Board also voted to spend \$768 for a respirator requested by Dr. C. R. Stephen in Anesthesiology.

Again this year the Auxiliary will sponsor the sale of United Nations Christmas cards. The Auxiliary retains a small percentage of the profit. The remainder goes to the United Nations Children's Fund to purchase drugs and milk for children around the world.

Mrs. Theady Daniel, our President, and Mrs. O. E. Esval, 1st Vice-President, represented the Duke Auxiliary this summer at the 61st Annual American Hospital Association Convention in New York August 23-27.

Speaking of meetings—watch for your notice of the next Auxiliary Membership Meeting later this month.

Employees Retirement Plan Instituted

The Employees' Retirement Plan of Duke University became effective July 1, 1959. Concerned for some time about the general welfare of its non-academic employees, the University made a careful study of possible retirement plans and their financing. The cost of this program including all annuity benefits will be entirely financed by the University. The University's contributions are to be placed in a special irrevocable trust fund. The benefits payable under the Plan are in addition to any benefits payable to an employee or any member of his family under the Social Security Act.

Basically, the Plan will cover all regular full-time non-academic employees who have attained age 30 and rendered three years of service. Employees who met these criteria in an earlier year will be credited with prior service credits. Other employees will be added from July 1, 1959 as they become eligible. The normal retirement date is the June 30 following attainment of age 65. The benefit at normal retirement is an annual retirement allowance payable in monthly installments.

President Hollis Edens expressed the hope that "the Plan will be a constant source of satisfaction in providing our employees with a greater sense of security when their working days are over."

Mrs. Hazel Retires

Missing from the front desk in the main lobby—a familiar face! Mrs. Mary Alma Hazel retired August 31, 1959, after twenty-three years' service at Duke Hospital. From her employment in November 1936 until her retirement, Mrs. Hazel served as a Hostess in the Information Service. She takes with her the good wishes of the many friends she made during her years at the Hospital.

Harry Van Hook Named Employee of the Month

Harry Van Hook, a janitor in the Housekeeping Department, has been named the Outstanding Employee of the Month.

Mr. Van Hook is the fourth employee to be recognized for demonstrating superiority in such areas as job performance, attitude and relationships with others.

Those who recommended him praised him for being "punctual and conscientious," "very loyal" and "very thorough in his work." They called attention to his "pleasant personality and good sense of humor." Concerning his loyalty and pride in his work, it was pointed out that "you would think that Harry owned the hospital."

Though born in Orange County in 1892, Van Hook grew up on a farm in Durham County. Before coming to work at Duke Hospital in 1949, his work experience was primarily in farming, though he did work for brief periods for the Durham County School system and for a hosiery mill.

In addition to his wife, his family consists of three children and ten grandchildren.



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