

job of ordering, manufacturing, and dispensing drugs to our patients, the pharmacy is involved in many side ventures of interest. One is a mail order service wherein children who are participants in the State's rheumatic fever program receive their medication direct from Duke by mail. The pharmacy also tries to help its doctors by putting their bulk experimental drugs in various dosage forms.

According to Mr. Reamer, the key to success or failure of any department where efficient, economic and loyal service is so important is the personnel. And here is where Duke really shines. Mr. Reamer himself has been active over the years in the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and has served on the N. C. Board of Pharmacy because he feels that active participation in pharmaceutical organizations is part of the work of any good hospital pharmacist. He is also an active contributor to the pharmacy journals and this year he was honored by hospital pharmacies throughout the country with the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists Whitney Award—the profession's recognition of their Man of the Year. The department itself has been written about in Hospital Management and in the bulletin of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Interest "beyond the call of duty" can be found in many of the other staff members as well. Mrs. Jessie Lee Wilkins who has been a pharmacist at Duke for 17 years has become well versed in the uses of various surgical devices ordered through the pharmacy. She has spent a lot of time learning just how devices—such as those needed by colostomy patients—are used so that the pharmacy can offer better service to the nursing staff and patients. She also was Duke's representative to the Institute of Hospital Pharmacists in Salt Lake City last June.



Orderly Willie Mack White checks items on Pharmacy Exchange Truck before making daily delivery to wards and clinics.

Miss Nell Evans, with the Duke pharmacy for 5 years, is a charter member of the N. C. Society of Hospital Pharmacists and has been active as their historian. Her specialty in the department is the preparation of reagents and stains for use in the laboratories.

Peggy Winters came to Duke from West Virginia two years for her internship and liked it enough to remain here and join Mr. Riggsbee in the newly opened Clinic Pharmacy. Much of Peggy's spare time is devoted to her hobby of photography.

The new clinic pharmacy has proved an exciting challenge to Mr. Riggsbee—the staff's stabilizing influence in moments of crisis. His main interest is in keeping up with the newest drugs likely to be prescribed by the clinic physicians. His fund of current knowledge is particularly important since most of the drugs dispensed today have been developed within the past ten years.

All of Duke's registered pharmacists take part in the pharmacy in-

ternship program. It is their guidance and teaching of the practical aspects of pharmacy that round out the pharmaceutical education of these recent pharmacy graduates. Duke interns have gone on to fill many of the posts for pharmacists in hospitals all over the state, as well as many responsible positions in the retail drug field. However, it is always the hope that these young men and women will choose a career in the field of hospital pharmacy where our pharmacists feel a person can find the most exciting and challenging work in their profession.

## Ultraviolet vs. Staph

With "staph" aureus now hardened to many wonder drugs the menace of operating room infection caused by air-borne bacteria shows an alarming increase. Since 1936 Duke Hospital's use of ultraviolet radiation in conjunction with standard sterile techniques has kept its rate for this

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