

From The Auxiliary



By Dorothy Sieker

Here we are back in full swing at the "Auxiliary Corner"—coffee pots perking and shop carts well-stocked.

January—generally known as inventory month—is just that for the Auxiliary. Not only are merchandise and supply inventories being made, but an "inventory" of volunteer hours recorded by the Auxiliary is also being tabulated. The Membership Committee, responsible for the "hours inventory," reports that many volunteers fail to keep their hours posted up-to-date. The importance of recording hours cannot be over-estimated. This simple act should be done by *you*. No one, not even your chairman, knows exactly how much time you have given. Some volunteers have a feeling of reticence about recording their volunteer time, so freely and unselfishly given. But for the *record*, a volunteer who may have worked two or three times in a given week without recording her hours is rated with the volunteer who is on vacation. If no hours are recorded on your card for a given month, it must be assumed by the Membership Chairman, who totals the hours monthly, that you have not been present. Recording your hours is equivalent to a roll-call.

While we give no "medals" here at the Duke Hospital Auxiliary for number of hours volunteered, it is essential to have some means of judging not only the quality but the quantity of the volunteer service. Our own Auxiliary needs the information for self-appraisal; other Auxiliaries in quest of advice ask for such figures; and from the point of view of public relations, when asked these questions,

we seem both more intelligent and more courteous if we know the answers!

Obviously, accurate records cannot be maintained without *your* cooperation. Please help your distracted Membership Chairman and her splendid committee!

Parker Tillery Named Employee of the Month

Parker Leigh Tillery, a Dietetics Department employee, has been selected as the first Outstanding Employee for the Month for 1960. Her selection inaugurates this year's program of recognition for employees who do a superior job. This issue of *InterCom* contains a nomination slip on which Medical Center personnel can name the employee they think should be recognized. It should be clipped out and sent to the Personnel Office.

Choice of Miss Tillery as this month's candidate recognizes her pleasant personality and her ability to "get along excellently with supervisors, co-workers and personnel of other hospital departments." Com-



PARKER LEIGH TILLERY

mended for a "sincere interest in the patient's welfare," she is described as "particular about the quality of her work," with "excellent standards of conduct," and "a good influence on fellow workers."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Tillery of 1003 Bay Street, Morehead City, and was graduated from Queen Street High School in Beaufort. After coming to Durham in 1941 she completed a course in secretarial training at Durham Business College. She began work at Duke Hospital that same year. Beginning about six months ago, she has devoted as much time as possible to Women's Auxiliary work at Lincoln Hospital.

What People Are Saying

From the family of a North Carolina patient:

She has been in hospitals before but I have never seen a staff of workers that seemed so dedicated to their duties. . . . I feel that everyone did his best for her. I shall always be grateful to all who took care of her.

From a North Carolina physician:

We were delighted with the service she received at Duke, not only from the professional staff but from the hospital staff as well. And believe me, this courtesy was not only from the doctors who knew me but also right on down to the maids and orderlies. Of course, I already knew that Duke Hospital was a mighty good place to go when sick but we really never anticipated such efficient and courteous service.

Ultraviolet vs. Staph

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type of infection almost constant—an average of only 0.24%. In American hospitals generally, the infection rate ranges up to 5% and a rate of 2% is acceptable in the best.