



**Dr. Ralph A. Arnold**

Sudden death, ascribed to a heart attack, claimed Dr. Ralph A. Arnold on July 17 in New York City. Dr. Arnold had been in New York to serve on the faculty for a course in surgery of the nose at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Aged 49 at the time of his death, Dr. Arnold joined the Duke Medical Center faculty in 1946. He was professor of otology and associate professor of otolaryngology and ophthalmology. One of his major interests was the conservation of hearing and the treatment of persons with hearing handicaps. The Duke Medical Center will miss him sadly.

## **Drs. Gardner and Odum Appointed**

Dr. Clarence E. Gardner, professor of surgery, has been named acting chairman of the Medical Center's department of surgery. He is serving in the absence from this post of Dr. Deryl Hart, now president pro-tem of the University. Dr. Gardner has been a member of the Duke Medical Center faculty since 1930.

Dr. Guy L. Odum, professor of neurosurgery, has been appointed head of the department of surgery's division of neurosurgery, succeeding Dr. Barnes Woodhall. Dr. Woodhall took up his duties as Dean of the School of Medicine July 1. Dr. Odum joined the Duke faculty in 1943.

## **Ross Porter To Colombia**

F. Ross Porter, director of the Duke Medical Center Foundation, has resigned to accept a position as hospital advisor with the International Cooperation Administration. Mr. Porter reported to Washington late this summer and will begin his first assignment in Bogota, Colombia, early next year after several months of orientation and other preparation. His duties will be to work with the ICA and the Colombian government in developing a national pattern for improvement of hospital and health services in Colombia. His position is a reactivation of similar status he held from 1952-55. On leave from Duke then, he spent most of the time in Taiwan (Formosa) where he was instrumental in reorganizing and improving the National Taiwan Medical Center.

In July Mr. Porter completed 30 years of service at the Duke University Medical Center. One of the original staff members, he was assistant superintendent of Duke Hospital from 1930-1949. Appointed superintendent in 1949, he held that position until 1958 when he was named director of the Duke Medical Center Foundation.

## **Drs. Hohman and Eadie Retire**

Dr. Leslie B. Hohman, professor of psychiatry, and Dr. George S. Eadie, professor of physiology and pharmacology, retired from their respective academic duties on August 31. Dr. Eadie had served on the faculty of Duke Medical School since its opening in 1930. Dr. Hohman taught at Johns Hopkins for a number of years before coming to Duke in 1946.

Dr. Hohman is nationally known for his leadership in the field of cerebral palsy. He has served as president of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, the American Psychopathological Association and the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults; and has written extensively in the fields of child training, family life and mental hygiene.

## **Employee of the Month: Mrs. Nancy Proctor**

The Employee Recognition Committee has announced the selection of Mrs. Nancy Proctor, registrar in the Outpatient Department, as this issue's Outstanding Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Proctor began her employment at Duke in May 1957. It was pointed out that she has consistently maintained those high standards essential for selection as Outstanding Employee. Those nominating her stated that she is "extremely conscientious . . . always considers the patient's welfare most important." "Under the pressure of a high patient load, she manages to maintain courtesy and interest." "She is extremely important to the clinic for her coordination between her supervisors and her co-workers."



Mrs. Proctor, who is a widow, has two sons, ages 6 and 14. Born in Sudan, Virginia, she came to Durham when about 10 years old and was educated in Durham County Schools. Some years ago, Mrs. Proctor had an 8-year period of employment at American Tobacco Company.

The next issue of INTERCOM will announce the Outstanding Employee of the Year to be chosen from 1960's monthly winners: Mrs. Proctor, OPD; Parker Lee Tillery, Dietetics; Warren Wagner, Storeroom; and Thomas Vincent, Emergency Room.