

## From The Auxiliary



By Carolyn Hackney

Let's ask the question—"Why the Auxiliary?"

While it is a fact that the Auxiliary gives financial aid to the Medical Center, this is not our prime reason for existing. Indeed, our ultimate aim is service to the patients. Money can't buy happiness, but it can cheer a lonely child hospitalized through Christmas. It can help provide a quiet retreat of peace and comfort—a hospital chapel. These are expansions of service with the patients' welfare in mind.

This should be our creed:

S elflessness  
E nthusiasm  
R ecruitment  
V olunteers  
I  
C ooperation  
E xpansion

You notice apparently we left one letter open—I. This isn't a blank; it's a word—I! I know the purpose; I give myself; no one can give me.

And how do I serve—let's count the ways: the Library Cart goes to the wards three days a week; the Magazine Cart to the staff wards once a week. The Shop Cart goes up every day to serve patients who can't get around. Occupational Therapy receives special aid. Pediatrics Service stocks and "staffs" a playroom. Reception and Guide services help many a confused person to find his way. Coffee? They dispense snacks, to be sure, but they do a little of everything else, too: listen to the lonely, make 'phone calls, act as walking "Yellow Pages" in cherry pink smocks. And the revenue from the coffee and sandwiches (14,400 cups of coffee and 27,167 sandwiches in October alone!) comes back into the expanded services that would be non-existent if Coffee were not there!

In his talk at the conclusion of the recent Auxiliary Symposium, Dr. Cleland said: "While hospitals might exist without you, they cannot live without you."



THE "HEART" OF THE THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE: a full Christmas stocking and a smile of glee. Little Cindy Lou Vanse beams happily in her bed on Howland, while she shows you what the proceeds from the Auxiliary's annual bake sale will provide for all the little patients hospitalized on Christmas Day.

(Duke photo by Sparks)

## Auxiliary Symposium Gets an "A"

"A" for effort and "A" for achievement—those should be the grades earned by the Duke Hospital Auxiliary's state-wide Symposium

held October 11-12. Credit for a job well done belongs to the Auxiliary's Symposium Committee and in particular to the Coordinator, Mrs. H. Shelton Smith.

### Memorial Gifts for Hospital Chapel

The Duke Hospital Auxiliary now has appropriate cards with which to acknowledge memorial contributions to the Hospital Chapel Fund. One card notifies the family of the contribution; the other goes to the donor to acknowledge the gift. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in this manner, should direct it to the Duke Hospital Auxiliary.

Attended by 140 delegates (28 from Duke) from 36 hospitals representing 6,294 beds, the Symposium did much to foster good will with auxiliary members in other hospitals throughout the state. It also served to stimulate interest in the newly organized Auxiliary Council of the State Hospital Association. Kudos from the American Hospital Association and from hospital administrators around the state confirm the judgment that the program was a valuable contribution.