

Supt's Corner



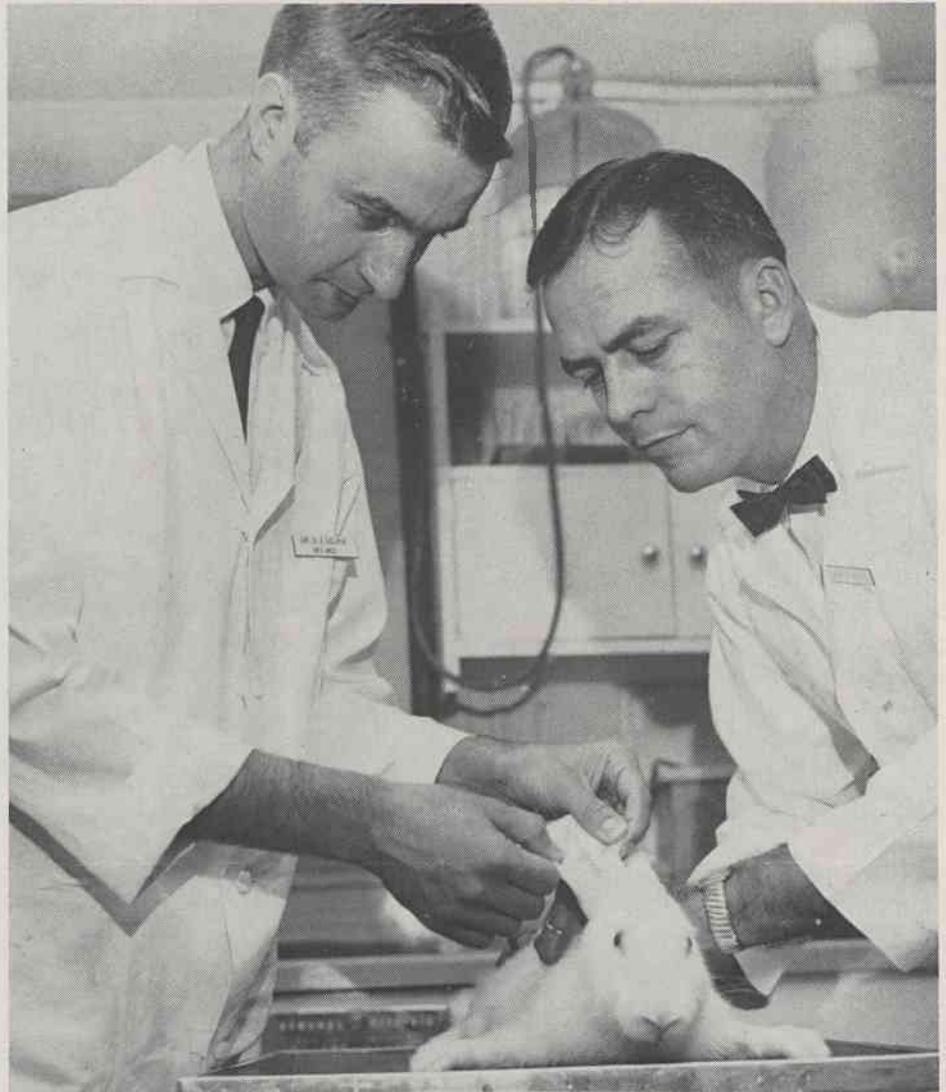
By Charles H. Frenzel

Our new Diagnostic-Treatment and Study of Aging Building is open; our Medical Center once again becomes larger and more complex; our staff increases. It makes the task of maintaining our reputation as a friendly, warm institution a more difficult one. Each of us must give more attention to being helpful to our patients and considerate of our colleagues. There is no department, laboratory, or individual who does not have an effect on the total image of our Medical Center.

I want to express here my sincere appreciation to the supervisors, head nurses, and other nursing personnel who worked so hard and so long during this past summer in order to keep our ward staffing at an acceptable level. Many have delayed their vacations and all have worked many extra hours and days. Each June a large number of our nursing staff leave and replacements do not arrive until September and October. This handful of dedicated nurses who worked so effectively are a credit to the profession, and we are proud that they are Duke nurses.

This was the biggest summer yet for our teenage volunteer program. More "Candy Stripers" worked more hours than any previous summer. They performed many valuable tasks and brightened the hospital climate with their presence. Many have indicated to me that this summer's experience convinced them they should enter one of the health professions.

New students in all of the Medical Center programs are now busily engaged with their studies. We wish for them a successful and happy stay in our midst. We know that they will find the Medical Center family interested in their welfare and helpful in every way possible.



DRS. LE MAY AND SOJKA PROVIDE EXPERT VETERINARY CARE FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS. Dr. John C. LeMay, assistant professor of veterinary medicine at the Duke University Medical Center, is pictured at right with his newly appointed colleague, Dr. Nickloas J. Sojka, assistant in veterinary medicine, as they examine a rabbit.

Dr. LeMay, a native of Henderson, N. C., studied pre-veterinary medicine at N. C. State College and in 1959 received the D. V. M. (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) degree from the University of Georgia. This was followed by a two year period of study at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine as a National Institutes of Health Fellow in Laboratory Animal Medicine. Upon completing this new program, Dr. LeMay became the first veterinarian in the United States formally trained in laboratory animal medicine. He joined the Duke faculty in July, 1961. His major areas of responsibility are concerned with the medical care of laboratory animals, teaching, and research.

Dr. Sojka was born in Page, Nebraska. He holds the B. S. and D. V. M. degrees from Kansas State University. Before coming to Duke in July, 1962, he was engaged in the private practice of veterinary medicine in Storm Lake, Iowa. Earlier, he spent two years in the Army Veterinary Corps.

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