

From The Auxiliary



"Each venture is a new beginning"
(T. S. Eliot)

At the November membership meeting of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary, an affirmative vote approved a proposal for a Gift Shop to be located off the lobby in the new connecting wing between the hospital and the CRU-Gerontology building. This venture will mean temporary curtailment of other new Auxiliary projects in the hospital (except perhaps some small requests), but we hope this limitation will not be for long. We wish to be like the person in Edgar Guest's poem "It Couldn't Be Done:"

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

The new undertaking is a challenge to the Auxiliary membership. "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith." (F. D. Roosevelt) The Gift Shop should be a success because the newly elected officers who will be working towards the fulfillment of this venture do have faith in the outcome. Mrs. Glenn Negley, President; Mrs. Richard Leach, Vice-President; Mrs. N. F. Conant, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. L. Monk, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Eloise Sherman, Treasurer; and Mrs. H. Emerson, Historian, will guide the Auxiliary through the coming year and are depending on each one of us to continue as loyal members. We congratulate the new officers and foresee a most successful year.

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Thanks to all the good friends who contributed food for the Thanksgiving bake sale. The sale netted \$450 plus to help make Christmas gay on the pediatric wards.

The Doctor and The Cat

by Norman K. Nelson

If ever you walk by the hospital and see a milk carton being lowered slowly on the end of a string from a window, don't be alarmed.

They're just feeding the cat.

The feline in question has consumed an estimated 1,100 cans of dog food, 500 quarts of milk and an undetermined quantity of frozen fish since she took up residence six years ago under an office window in Duke Hospital.

The office—and the hand at the upper end of the string—belong to Dr. Watt Eagle, who has taken time out of his busy hospital life to befriend the stray animal.

The cat has been busy, too. Dr. Eagle estimates that during her years at Duke, she's given birth to nearly a hundred kittens.

This accomplishment has been topped, however, by Dr. Eagle's success in finding homes for all these numerous offsprings.

A goodly number of Dr. Eagle's patients have left the hospital with kittens in their arms. Since the window overlooks a bus stop, both hospital employees and visitors have gotten acquainted with the cat and her various families—and ended up taking home a kitten or two.

The cat has given Dr. Eagle some anxious moments over the years.

On one occasion, she climbed four stories up an ivy-covered wall of Duke Hospital and appeared mewing in a window of the obstetrics ward.

Another time, Dr. Eagle decided the cat would be happier in non-hospital surroundings and so presented her to friends who live ten miles from Durham. She was back in a week, looking hungrily up at the doctor's window.

The animal has wrought some mildly cataclysmic changes in Dr. Eagle's life. He has to arrive at the hospital early enough to lower provisions be-

fore going into the operating room at 8 A.M. Sundays and holidays require special feeding trips to the hospital.

Miss Dorothy Douglas, Dr. Eagle's secretary, helps look after the cat and find homes for the kittens. Her comment between litters is always the same: "I hope it won't be so soon next time."



DR. EAGLE AND FRIEND

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