

## From The Auxiliary



At the beginning of each new year, it seems appropriate for the Duke Hospital Auxiliary to pause a moment for retrospection, as well as for a look at what is in prospect.

As we all know, the Auxiliary has developed its present status through the devoted service of those first members who struggled with the problems of what was then a new element in the hospital program. It is now a source of satisfaction to us, and the reward of those who worked to achieve it, that we can properly consider ourselves no longer a mere "auxiliary," but a functional part of the hospital administrative organization. The Council of Hospital Auxiliaries is a recognized group in the American Hospital Association, and representatives are welcomed at the national meetings. Recently a similar Council was formed as part of the North Carolina Hospital Association. We are proud that one of our members, Mrs. Shelton Smith, is its chairman, a position for which her experience in the national Council has well prepared her.

In the prospect for this year there is more hope of the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream, a chapel for the Medical Center. From the beginning, the Auxiliary has made substantial contributions to the chapel building fund and has worked to support this project. Our goal is to see the dream become reality and the vision take physical form.

The constant growth and improvement of the School of Nursing are a source of pride to the Auxiliary. We have for a number of years provided a scholarship for a student nurse and during the years have doubled the value of the scholarship. Through our junior volunteer program in the summer we endeavor to focus the attention of young women on nursing and other hospital careers. The North Carolina Health Careers program is an organized and concentrated effort



**THE DUKE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** installed its 1963 officers at a General Meeting January 16 in the Graduate Center. Elected to guide the Auxiliary's work during the coming year were, left to right, Mrs. Glenn Negley, president; Mrs. Richard Leach, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Emerson, historian; Mrs. H. L. Monk, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Norman Conant, recording secretary.

toward recruitment, and the hospital auxiliaries of the state are supporting and assisting in this necessary project.

Also in prospect for 1963 are the planning and preliminary stages of the new gift shop venture. We hope that by this time next year the gift shop will begin to take shape.

### New Department at Duke Medical Center Aids Mankind and Animals, Too

By Norman K. Nelson

Recently a Duke University medical scientist needed to know how much the liver of a pigeon weighs in comparison with the bird's total weight while another wanted to know the blood volume of a rabbit.

These problems sent the investigators to Dr. John C. LeMay, who heads the Duke Medical Center's newly established Department of Veterinary Medicine—one of the few

full-fledged departments in the United States devoted to work in laboratory animal medicine. Since medical progress would virtually come to a standstill without extensive use of experimental animals, Dr. LeMay holds a vital role in the operation of the Medical Center's multi-million dollar research program.

A census of the furred and feathered population at Duke suggests how important animals are to medical science.

Currently, the Medical Research Building and related structures house around 250 dogs, a hundred cats, 400 rabbits, 150 guinea pigs, more than 4,000 rats and a similar number of mice, 250 pigeons, 50 turkeys, between two and three thousand chickens, several ducks, a score of monkeys, a dozen sheep and four miniature pigs which weigh around 125 pounds each and were especially bred for research purposes.

He looks on veterinary medicine as  
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