

ACCOLADE to the Central Supply Room



Photo by R. McKee

Walter Wilson, Jr., of the Central Supply Room staff does not work directly in a patient area, but like the other members of the Central Supply room team, he provides service essential to the well-being of Medical Center patients.

The staff of the Central Supply Room is responsible for the preparation, sterilization and issue of sterile supplies to all Medical Center units that need them. This Section is a part of the Nursing Service organization and is sometimes referred to as the "back bone" of the Hospital. A staff of 48 keeps this facility in full operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Picture, if you can, the magnitude of the job. Each month Central Supply processes some 4,200 treatment trays such as tracheotomy and phlebotomy, 1,200 blood administration sets, 24,000 syringes and their needles, 19,000 pairs of sterile gloves and 1,200 operating room packs.

One important item handled in Central Supply is the sterile solutions. Approximately 14,500 bottles of sterile solutions are made up each month by a Pharmacy Technician and two assistants. Walter Wilson, one of the assistants, is shown above processing bottles for these solutions. After sterilization, it is necessary to tighten the caps on the bottles to create a vacuum and insure sterility. The "space suit" worn by Walter is for his protection during this process in case a bottle explodes.

The recent addition of an ethylene oxide sterilizer permits the staff to prepare many items which could not tolerate the standard method of sterilization by steam.

Ray Brown to Head Hospital Administration Program

Ray E. Brown has been appointed director of the graduate degree Program in Hospital Administration at Duke University effective March 1, 1964. Mr. Brown, who also will hold the academic rank of professor of hospital administration, is now vice president for administration at The University of Chicago and a professor in the University's Graduate School of Business.

The Duke program to train college graduates for careers as hospital administrators was converted from a non-degree to a degree program a year ago under the direction of Charles H. Frenzel, superintendent of Duke Hospital and professor of hospital administration. He will continue to serve in the latter two capacities after Mr. Brown assumes the program directorship.

A native South Carolinian and a former resident of North Carolina, Mr. Brown has been identified with The University of Chicago for 19 years. He served from 1945-61 as superintendent of The University of Chicago Clinics, from 1951-62 as director of the institution's Graduate Program in Hospital Administration, and from 1951 to date as a professor in the Graduate School of Business. He became vice president in charge of administration in 1961.

Both Duke and The University of Chicago have pioneered in programs to train hospital administrators. Prior to 1962, Duke offered a non-degree program which was organized in 1930 and was the Nation's oldest formal program in hospital management training.

The program at Chicago, established in 1934, was the first to offer a degree in hospital administration. Since then, similar programs have been established at nearly a score of other institutions in this country, Canada and Mexico.