

## School of Medical Technology Reopens

After a lapse of several years, the Duke Medical Center has reactivated its training program in medical technology. A committee chaired by Dr. Thomas Kinney and including Dr. Ralph Thiers, Dr. Suydam Osterhout, Dr. Wirt Smith and Mr. Charles Frenzel has established a curriculum and organized a staff for the school. Dr. Kinney serves as Director of the School of Medical Technology. Miss Beulah M. Ashbrook is Chief Instructor and Registrar. Miss Ashbrook holds the B.S. and M.A. degrees and is, herself, a Registered Medical Technologist—MT(ASCP). Miss Ashbrook has a Duke faculty appointment as associate in pathology.

At present one student is enrolled in the school. Four more will enter in February; and in July 1965 six more will be accepted. When the School is fully underway, classes will be admitted yearly on July 1. The School has been approved by the National Board of Registry for 12 to 20 students per year.

The course runs for 52 consecutive weeks. It consists of lectures, seminars, demonstrations and practical experience in a student laboratory and on a rotation system through the clinical laboratories of the Duke University Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital. The program leads to a certificate in Medical Technology. Upon completion of the course, the students will be eligible for, and encouraged to take the National Registry Examination given by the Registry of Medical Technologists of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

The program is open to both men and women who have completed a minimum of three years of college work in an accredited college or university. This work must have included courses in chemistry, biological sciences and mathematics. Several colleges and universities will grant a degree to three-year students who spend the fourth year in the technology program. This must, how-

ever, be checked with the individual school.

The National Committee for Medical Technology states that "Medical technology is one of the newest and fastest growing professions associated with modern advances in medical science... Today, there are 37,379 registered MT(ASCP)'s in the U. S. However, more than 7000 are currently not working, and many health facilities are seriously under-staffed. Looking ahead to 1975 with increased population and medical facilities, a need for 75,000 medical technologists is foreseen."

The Duke Medical Center hopes to help ease this shortage by re-opening its School of Medical Technology.

## Hart Lecture

Dr. Paul S. Russell, John Homans Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School and chief of surgical services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, delivered the third annual Deryl Hart Lecture in the amphitheatre November 5. Previous Hart lecturers have been Sir Charles F. W. Illingworth, regius professor of surgery, University of Glasgow, and Dr. Charles Rob, professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Rochester.

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## Miss Blackley Dies

Miss Madge Blackley, long-time member of the Medical Center staff, died on November 5, after a long illness. Miss Blackley, who was a graduate of Trinity College came to the Medical Center as a ward secretary in 1939. On May 1, 1942, she became Clinic Registrar and Supervisor for Medical PDC. This position she held until she became ill.

Twenty-five years of sympathetic and efficient service won Miss Blackley the respect and affection of both patients and co-workers.

## From the Auxiliary

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which were gifts from the Kroger, the A&P and the Winn-Dixie stores, went to lucky winners at the close of the sale. Once again the entire proceeds (more than \$500) will be used to brighten Christmas on the pediatric wards.

Mrs. Ruffin estimates that more than 40 Auxiliary members worked actively to make the sale a success. She wished to give special thanks to this committee: Mrs. Bayard Carter, Mrs. James H. Mooney, Mrs. William Graham, Mrs. Henry McIntosh, Mrs. Kenneth Cuyler, Mrs. Roy Parker, Mrs. Shelton Smith, Mrs. Robert Colver, Mrs. E. L. Persons, Mrs. James Wyngaarden, Mrs. D. L. Stickel, Mrs. John Warner, Mrs. J. M. Lacambra, Mrs. Andrew Wallace, Mrs. Latney Ware, Mrs. Alan Manchester, Mrs. W. V. Cooke, Mrs. Gaither Dunn, Mrs. Frank Engel, Mrs. Douglas Knight, Mrs. David Sabiston, and Mrs. Henry Stoever. From all of us goes a round of applause to Mrs. Ruffin who worked tirelessly herself.

Auxiliary members rewarded themselves with Thanksgiving holidays, Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27. Mrs. Leach has announced the Auxiliary members' Christmas vacation from December 19 through January 3. Happy New Year!