

Aid for Elderly

Officials here at Duke have announced a major frontal assault on the problems of growing old.

A regional information, referral and counseling service for older people and for families requiring help in coping with the problems of the aged will soon be in action here at Duke.

The project also will include a wide range of new training programs to provide counselors in aging and to provide medical specialists to help improve patterns of care for the elderly.

The service will be operated much like a clinic, similar to other out-patient clinics at Duke Hospital. It will provide a wide range of services for older persons.

According to Dr. Carl Eisdorfer, Research and Training Director of the Duke Center for Study of Aging and Human Development, the service will operate in such areas as housing for the elderly, financial problems, medical care, employment, homemaker's service and retirement planning.

"In the past, we had been pessimistic about what we could do for aged persons," said Dr. Eisdorfer. "But we found that we can do many things for them. For example, we have found many conditions that we thought were physical were actually psychological and could be managed."

It is hoped the clinic will become a central coordinating group for all services available to elderly persons.

Dr. Ewald Busse, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Center, said the Center will work closely with a number of state and local agencies to provide counseling services and to train other counselors.

"We feel that this also will prove invaluable in our research efforts," Dr. Busse said. "It will insure that we don't get too far away from the needs of the people."

The new concept also will involve a refocusing of the mission of the Center for the Study of Aging. Duke scientists have become convinced that they must study infancy, adolescence and the intervening years to understand the processes of aging.

In light of this, the Duke Council on Gerontology, under

which the University's research effort in aging was started in 1955, has been expanded and renamed the University Council on Aging and Human Development. Dr. Busse is Chairman of the Council.

The training programs will include training of such people as doctors, nurses, social workers and public health workers for counseling; training of researchers; a two-year training program in behavior and behavioral physiology in aging for trained professionals; and a training program in geriatric psychiatry.

More than 30 Duke faculty members will serve as instructors in the programs. The referral and counseling service and the first of the training programs are expected to get under way in the next few months.

The Duke Center was made the first Regional Center for the Study of Aging in 1957 by the National Institutes of Health. Its operation was underwritten with a \$1.5 million federal grant.



THANK YOU FOR THIRTY YEARS—On November 18 five people were honored for their thirty years of service to Duke Medical Center. Initiated into the "30-Year Club" were (from left) Mrs. Lucille Ervin, Department of Pathology; Dr. Norman F. Conant, James B. Duke Professor of Microbiology and Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology; Mr. Claudius P. Jones, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. William P. Nicholson, Professor of Medicine; and Mr. Henry Pickett, Division of Medical Art and Illustration. The five received service pins and certificates of recognition. The ceremonies brought the present membership of the "30-Year Club" to 54.

Jaeger Appointed New Director of Outpatient and Extension Services

Boi Jon Jaeger was recently appointed Director of Outpatient and Extension Services at Duke Medical Center. The appointment was announced November 1.

As Director of the Outpatient Services, Mr. Jaeger will have administrative responsibilities for the operation of the Outpatient Department of the Medical Center. He will also be administratively responsible for the Emergency Room Service, Messenger Service and Employee Health Service.

Mr. Jaeger's other duties will be in the administration of Extension Services. In this area, he will be responsible for coordinating programs relating to the extension of the hospital into the area of "continuing care."

This area of "continuing care" will involve working with developing programs of extended care such as chronic illness, rehabilitation, and community health.

It is pointed out that most of the Extension Services are still primarily in the developmental stage, and therefore his new position will take Mr. Jaeger



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into the field of "administrative research." He will study various administrative problems associated with integrating these programs into the Medical Center Complex.

A graduate of Duke University, Mr. Jaeger received his BS Degree in 1957. He received his Masters Degree in Hospital Administration at Duke in 1964.

Prior to assuming his new position, Mr. Jaeger was Admin-

istrative Assistant for Special Projects.

As Director of Outpatient Services, Mr. Jaeger succeeds Mr. Stanley W. Elwell, who resigned his position to enter the Duke University Graduate Program in Hospital Administration. Mr. Elwell will continue his association with Duke Hospital by working as a Unit Administrator, a position formerly held by the late Mr. William A. Gay.