



Dr. Halsted promoted the use of rubber gloves in surgery.

ing aseptic fields in surgery, so he adopted them personally and insisted on their use by all assistants. Their use soon became general.

Envied by Others

"Halsted was a thoughtful, deliberate man, very slow in operations. There was nothing spectacular about his surgery except his results. His patients survived and recovered. His surgical mortality was unbelievably low—the envy of surgeons throughout the world.

"In his early days, even Halsted's assistants were wont to criticize his deliberate ways, his unusual precautions and the endless time consumed at operations. But, as time progressed, they one and all followed suit and came to appreciate his judgment . . ."

Halsted was a small man, slightly built, and described by those who knew him as "diffident" and "shy." Welch claimed that there were two Halsted's: one who was affable and jovial with intimate friends and one who was diffident with all others. "He was courteous and kindly, but rarely friendly," recalled another colleague.

In light of these descriptions of Halsted, it perhaps should be noted that there was also a third Halsted: one who cared deeply about the maintenance of all life, and who was very understanding.

A good example of this "third man" was revealed by one of Halsted's residents who wrote of a trip to the mountains of western North Carolina, where he encountered Halsted at the surgeon's summer home, High

Hampton. The resident told of an incident when the doctor was called upon to cure a horse of muscular rheumatism, and recalled:

Also an 'Animal Doctor'

"For years the natives had been accustomed to call on Dr. and Mrs. Halsted when their cow, their horse or any member of their family was sick. The Halsted's never refused because the doctors were few and far between in those mountains 50 years ago. Dr. Halsted had always been a student of anatomy and the number of sick and injured animals he was asked to see during his vacation periods in the mountains had stimulated his interest in veterinary medicine. He had acquired textbooks and the necessary instruments and each year had become more and more interested in the treatment of sick and injured horses and dogs."

Found Joy in Gardening

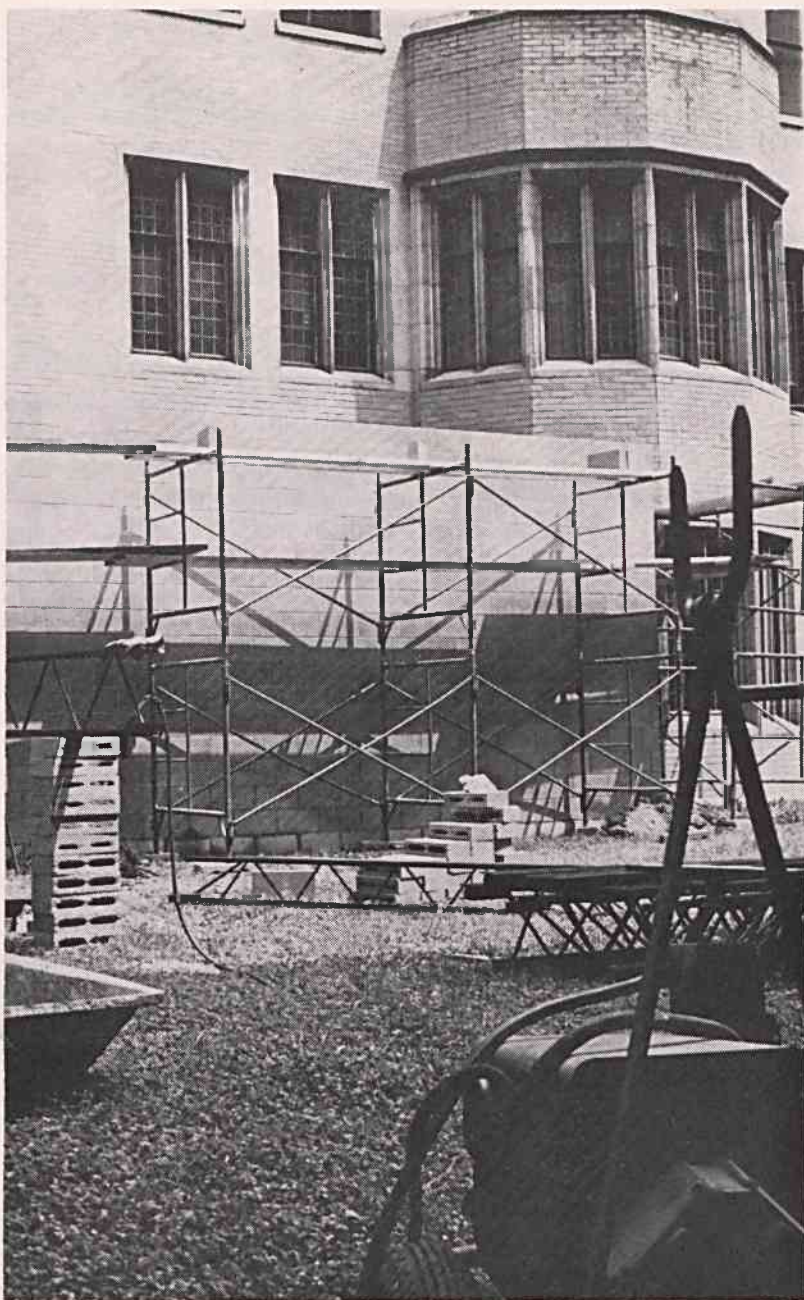
And in a description of High Hampton, the resident revealed Halsted's interest in yet another form of life—floral:

" . . . High Hampton . . . consisted of about 3,000 acres of woodland, two small houses, a beautifully kept lawn, row upon row of gorgeous dahlias, and a large barn. He [Dr. Halsted] had been collecting rare and beautiful varieties of dahlias for many years. This garden was his chief delight."

It is a tribute to Dr. Halsted that the majority of the men who trained under his direction went on to achieve outstanding surgical laurels of their own. One of Halsted's colleagues even ventured to write: "Some of his [Halsted's] students equaled and, in some ways, even surpassed him."

Many of the country's surgical clinics have been staffed by surgeons known as "Halsted men." One of them, Dr. G. F. Powers, emeritus professor of pediatrics at Yale, perhaps voiced the opinions of not only the other "Halsted men" but also countless other surgeons when he wrote in 1953:

"Halsted was truly a great doctor and teacher; a humanitarian in dealing with his patients; a scientist in his quest for truth; a scholar in depth and scope of his learning; a physician I would fain emulate."



Shown above under construction is the new temporary enclosure—located in the courtyard behind the main lobby of the hospital—that will accommodate the telephone facilities associated with the computer data transmission to and from the research triangle facilities and Duke (as a part of the Triangle Universities Computer Center project). This structure will be torn down in two or three years when all telephone facilities will be moved to a new telephone building that will be built on West Campus.

In Memoriam

Mr. Ollie Mims

Mr. Ollie Mims, who came to Duke in 1957 as a stock man in the Hospital Storeroom, died July 5 after an extended illness. He was a patient at Duke at the time of his death.

It is with regret that the medical center announces Mr. Mims' death, for his services, his loyalty, and his presence will be greatly missed.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's the best employee that anybody could have," said Mr. Warren Wagner, manager of the storeroom. "Mr. Mims never refused to help anybody," continued Mr. Wagner, "and he was a very faithful employee . . . he was always here by 7:30 every morning, although he didn't have to be here until 8:00."

Mr. Mims had worked at the Durham Hosiery Mills for thirty years before coming to Duke.

A native of Durham, Mr. Mims is survived by his wife, a daughter, and his father, all of the home.