



Mrs. Patricia Weber (left) and Mrs. Mary McColm have joined the medical center staff as assistant nursing directors.

Nurses Fill New Positions

Rapid and recent growth of the medical center has brought about the need for and the creation of a new organizational pattern in the Department of Nursing Service.

"Each major service will soon have an assistant nursing director," said Miss Lelia Clark, director of Nursing Service. The new assistant directors will be under the direction of Miss Clark, and they will work with her, the associate director of nursing, Miss Margaret Mitchell, the assistant director of nursing in charge of in-service education, Miss Jane Bailey, and the chiefs of their services in creating the climate most conducive to the achievement of the over-all goals in patient care, education and research.

Two new assistant directors have been appointed thus far.

Mrs. Mary McColm is the new assistant director for outpatient nursing services. Although now at Duke in a new capacity, Mrs. McColm is not new to the hospital, for she served from 1958 to 1961 as nursing supervisor in the Outpatient Department.

A native of New Jersey, Mrs. McColm received her R.N. degree from the Hospital of St. Barnabas in Newark. She received her B.A. degree in nursing from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., in 1952 and completed her M.S. degree in public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1959.

Her previous nursing experience is varied and includes five years spent in the Army Nurse Corps, three years at a Veterans' Administration psychiatric hospital in Lyons, New Jersey, and five years on the staff of the Montgomery County Health De-

partment, Rockville, Maryland.

After leaving Duke in 1961, Mrs. McColm taught for a year in the graduate nurse program at North Carolina College in Durham and served for four years as supervisor of the Medical Division of the State Commission for the Blind in Raleigh.

In her new position, Mrs. McColm will be responsible for providing quality nursing services for the patients in the Outpatient Department, the Emergency Room and the Employee Health Office. There are over sixty Nursing Service employees under her direction, including orderlies, L.P.N.'s, R.N.'s, aides, and maids.

The second assistant director of nurses to join the staff is Mrs. Patricia Weber, clinical director of psychiatric nursing.

Mrs. Weber is a native of Pennsylvania. She received her R.N. degree from St. Francis School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, her B.S. in nursing from Duquesne University, and her M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Her clinical specialty is psychiatric nursing. Her clinical nursing experience includes work with the hospitalized emotionally ill; normal pre-school children in a day nursery; visiting in the homes of patients with emotional problems and those patients who have been hospitalized for mental illness; work with mothers and children in a well-baby clinic; and group therapy sessions with women from a closed psychiatric ward.

Mrs. Weber was a head nurse and instructor on the neuropsychiatric unit at St. Francis Hospital for two years and, before coming to Duke, was employed as a consultant in the develop-

ment of a psychiatric unit at St. Margaret's Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Weber is working with doctors, nurses, paramedical, and auxiliary personnel to plan and implement patient care on the two psychiatric wards, Cabell and Meyer. She is participating in both group and individual conferences with the staff and is responsible for the interviewing and orientation of new psychiatric nurses. She is also responsible for the in-service education for all psychiatric R.N.'s, L.P.N.'s, aides, and attendants.

She is working closely with the Nursing Service employees on the two wards helping them to plan for patient care and to understand goals, psychiatric theories, and patient behavior.

Mrs. Weber's husband, Dr. Burton Weber, is a surgical intern at Duke.

New Cribs Being Issued

Mothers leaving Duke Hospital obstetrical wards now have portable cribs in which to take their new offspring home.

A gift of the hospital, the cribs are made of heavy-duty cardboard and contain disposable mattresses covered with rubberized sheeting.

The cribs are also used for newborn babies while they are in the hospital, and babies are placed in them soon after de-

livery. For the sake of convenience, cribs used in the hospital are kept in permanent crib frames which can be easily rolled about.

Delightful little animals—diplomatically painted pink and blue—are shown cavorting along the sides of the cribs.

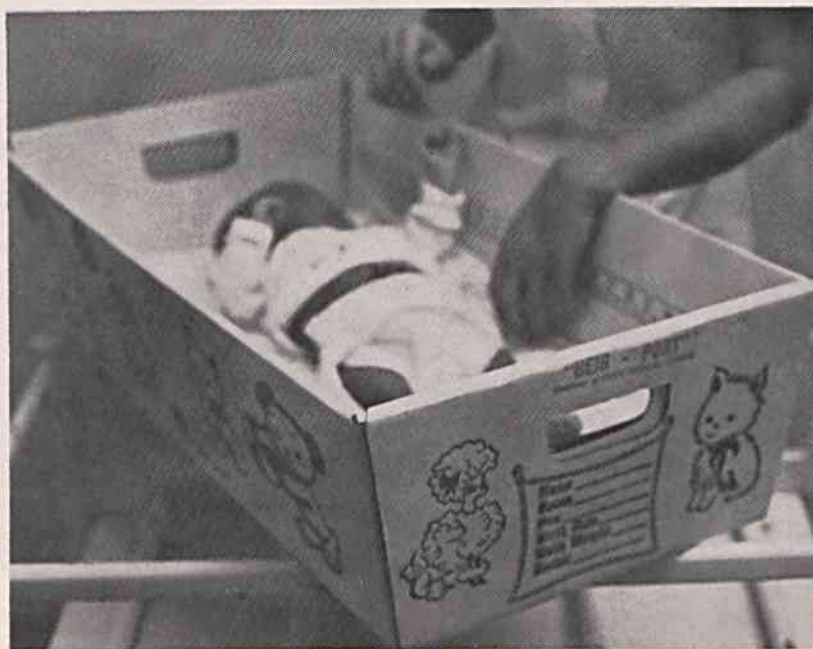
There is space designated at the end of the cribs for the "vital statistics": the baby's name, weight and sex, the date of birth, and the name of the doctor who delivered the baby. And, in addition, a twenty-four inch ruler is printed inside the crib so that parents can keep a record of their baby's initial growth.

Just above the space provided for the statistics are printed the words "Heir Port"—a clever touch added at the suggestion of Mr. C. C. Boone, assistant administrator at the time the cribs were ordered.

The patient response to the cribs, which have been distributed since July, has been good. "They've really gone over in a big way," exclaimed one OB nurse.

Those taking home unexpected double joy in the form of twins are probably the most pleased with the new cribs, for they can supplement their one-crib nurseries until further accommodations can be arranged.

But other patients find the cribs useful, too. "Most of the patients use the cribs at home for bassinets or car cribs," said Mrs. Nina Gillespie, charge nurse on Sims-Williams Ward.



Babies born at Duke now leave in style and comfort snuggling down in their very own cribs, gifts of the hospital to their parents.