

Keeping in Touch

by Frances Patterson

● WE WELCOME . . .

Margaret Emmons, recent Duke Physical Therapy graduate, who is now on the staff for extension services in Physical Therapy. . . Mrs. Kathy Blackwood who is now the receptionist in Physical Therapy. . . Mrs. Barbara Britt who has been a secretary for the Graduate Program in Hospital Administration since January . . . Those employees who have begun work in the Outpatient Department since December: office clerks **Julia Adams, Mary Cell and Londa Lindloff**; business supervisor **Sybil Crabtree**; **Molly Madison**, laboratory technician trainee; **Catherine McDaniel**, now switchboard operator; **Margaret Williford**, office clerk in the Insurance Office; and clinic registrars **Patsy Davis and Patsy Gray** (Surgical OPC), **Elaine Callahan and Carolyn Hildebrand** (Pediatrics), **Bonnie Davis** (Medical OPC), **Joyce Jones and Betty Pearsall** (ENT).

In the Medical Records Department **Linda Clayton and Martha Edwards** are now employees in the microfilming division. **Harry E. Gentry**, who was Hospital store ("Dope Shop") manager, is now managing machines in the Hospital. In Medical PDC, **Mrs. Dianne Brown** is now in the Insurance Office. **Marva Terry**, formerly secretary to Dr. David Sabiston, transferred to Nursing Service in January. **Mrs. Josie Kirsh**, formerly assistant chief operator in the telephone exchange transferred to Surgical PDC Business Office in March. **Gill Lunsford**, formerly a secretary in the Graduate Program in Hospital Administration, transferred in December to the Department of Psychiatry to work for Miss Frances Jeffers. **Barbara Minton**, formerly secretary to Miss Jeffers, is now secretary to Dr. Carl Eisdorfer in Psychiatry.

We are glad to have **Brenda Evans** as secretary to **Ken Schoonhagen**, administrative assistant in charge of the unit administration research project. Brenda came in January. **Kathy Green** and **Margaret Sands** are now observers on the unit administration research project. **Bette Busch, Carol Sholtis, Carolyn Boyd, and Virginia Brewer**, recent graduates of the Duke Program in Physical Therapy, have joined the staff as physical therapists. **Carolyn Boyd** succeeded **Mrs. Pam Allen** as acting education coordinator. Mrs. Allen is now on a six month leave of absence to take care of her

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Harry E. Brown, recently named Operating Room administrator, is shown "lending an ear" to Rebecca Owins, assistant nursing supervisor in the O.R., and another nurse as they discuss a problem that has arisen from the unexpected cancellation of an operation. (Article at left on page 10.)

Miss Burke Becomes 'Pulse' of Nursing on Pediatric Wards

A new nurse has joined the staff at Duke Medical Center, and her duties include being the "pulse" of nursing in Pediatrics. She is Diane Burke, and she is here as assistant director of nursing in Pediatrics.

In her charge are the 17 R.N.'s, 26 L.P.N.'s, seven ward secretaries, two nurse's aides, and the four maids on the Pediatric wards Howland and Matas.

Miss Burke has been in pediatrics since 1950, when she went to Variety Children's Hospital in Miami as evening administrative supervisor. She finds her work with children quite rewarding. Even in an acute treatment center such as Duke, she finds that "children and adults respond differently to illness." She noted that children seem to adjust more readily to their illness. "It is almost impossible to stay sad for very long on the ward, for the children just won't let you be unhappy when you're around them," said Miss Burke.

"Of course," she added, "we all get upset when a child dies who has been with us for a long period of time. Even the most reserved of nurses will often have to go behind a door and shed some tears. You never become truly 'hardened' against a child's death I don't believe . . . but you do learn to look upon it differently."

A native Floridian, Miss Burke graduated from a three year diploma program at Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando and completed her B.S. degree at the University of Miami. After receiving her B.S. degree, Miss Burke remained on the staff at Miami and taught for over three years. She then left to begin work on a Master's degree at the University of Texas in Austin. In 1961 she returned to Variety Children's Hospital and served as director of nursing services until she decided to continue the work on her Master's in nursing administration at U.N.C. in 1965.

Miss Burke is the third assistant director of nursing to be hired since the creation of the new position last year. Eventually, each major service will have someone in a similar position. Each assistant director is under the direction of the director of Nursing Service.



SCHOOL FEATURED IN OIL

The Duke University School of Medicine has been captured in oil by noted artist Ben Stahl. The picture is to be part of a collection of similar original oil paintings depicting medical colleges of the United States. When complete, the collection will include 86 canvases.

Presentation of the painting was made to Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, dean emeritus of the School of Medicine, at a luncheon given in Durham in April by E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc., the corporation that is sponsoring the collection of paintings.

Shown above following the unveiling of the picture are (from left): Edmund R. Beckwith, Jr., president of Squibb Pharmaceutical Co., a division of E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc.; artist Ben Stahl; and Dr. Davison.