

Auxiliary Announces Need for More Hands



On October 25th the Duke Women's Auxiliary held a membership meeting in the Hospital Cafeteria, signaling the start of another exciting and ambitious year of projects and activities. During the past year these devoted women have contributed many hours in the snack bar and gift shop in order to supply teaching materials to Durham school teachers who instruct our pediatric patients, equipment for the Pediatric X-ray room (the new X-ray machine will resemble the Batmobile!), and two scholarship Funds for nurses.

"But in order to meet our objectives in 1968 the Auxiliary needs additional hands", stated Mrs. Audrey Silberman, (pictured above), who was re-elected President at the meeting. As she told INTERCOM, "People think that we have all the help we need, but students, faculty wives, doctors' wives, Campus Club members and townspeople are welcomed by the Auxiliary, and the degree of participation is left up to the individual." The next time you're near the Snack Bar, in the Pink Smock, see a volunteer pushing a magazine cart or directing a lost visitor, stop and introduce yourself. Tell her how much you appreciate the great job she's doing, spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Ask yourself, what can I do to help? Contact an Auxiliary member if you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding experience. The Auxiliary needs your help and support!

... and Invites Garden Club to Duke



The children working with Mrs. T.L. Cheek are (left to right) Martha Beasley, Terry Huntley and Perry Fisher.

For the past two years, Mrs. H.J. Oosting, Chairman of the Pediatrics Service of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary has been inviting the Rockwood Garden Club to the medical center to work with the children on the pediatric wards in the Hospital Auxiliary's play room. The garden clubbers, for which Mrs. Oosting is co-chairman, believe that garden therapy - the use of gardening activities conducted with sick or handicapped persons - is an aid to their recovery.

Three to five different members of the club work with the children once a month on projects such as miniature flower arrangements, rooting and planting seedlings, making jack-o-lantern containers for seedlings and albums of wildlife stamps; for Thanksgiving they made pinecone turkeys. When the children had completed them, they took them back to the wards and shared the turkeys with those who were confined to their beds and unable to come to the playroom.

From 25-40 children are made happy each month by the visit from the Rockwood Garden Club. On their Thanksgiving visit were Mrs. T.L. Cheek, Jr., (pictured above) President of the club, Mrs. H.J. Oosting, Mrs. Jennings, co-chairman, and Mrs. Borden. Our thanks to you for making it a brighter Thanksgiving for the children!

What do we do when everyone dyes her hair purple?

Frank Gay, Personnel Director, is in a panic! People are always asking him to set personnel policies, whether it be for pay-checks, sick days, anonymous notes and brochures on dressing apparel, or hair styles. We haven't seen anyone with purple hair yet, but we started checking the "scene" for wearing apparel and came up with some startling results. Although mini skirts haven't hit the Medical Center real hard, we have spotted them around and so have a few others. Joe Sigler, our Medical Writer commented that they're okay, "depending upon what the girl has to offer. Not everybody ought to wear mini skirts and especially the ones that look like they are made out of shrunken fabric." "They don't look very comfortable," said Bill Bell, Prosthetist, "and any girl that wears one that short is really not appealing." "A short mini doesn't give much in the way of freedom for bending or sitting comfortably," Claudia Whorton, Radiological lab technician agreed, "and in the winter, a girl's legs get pretty cold!"

We think that Brenda Evans, Admin. Project Unit sec-

retary, summed it up very nicely; "I like minis, but there is a time and place for them. Sportswear with decorative hose can be very attractive, but in the working field, or as a secretary, it can be very distracting." Mod or modern? Which adjective describes your personal appearance? There is a difference, you know. You can be modern without being mod. You can be trim without being twiggy. Something wrong with this "mod, twiggy" look? Definitely not. On the right person, in the right place, it's great. Each generation needs its own music, face, and fashion; an identity all its own. But a business office is hardly the place for extremes...Is an attractive outward appearance really important? You know it! You sold us at the time you were hired because your outward look indicated an inward sense of refinement and good taste which could be an asset in any office. Any girl who is clever enough to adapt the latest styles to suit her particular personality is usually more than intelligent enough to handle any assignment she is given; that MOD look can be MODIFIED!