

munity cooperation were a series of weekly programs on such topics as alcoholism, epilepsy, cancer, TB and venereal disease. Health aides from Operation Breakthrough distributed announcements of the program subjects to community residents each week. About 25 persons attended each session.

In mid-June, a number of parents in Edgemont expressed regret that their children would not be able to attend summer camp because of the cost of required pre-camp physicals. After consultation with the Durham County Department of Health and the Durham-Orange County Chapter of the American Medical Association, medical students from Duke and UNC under the supervision of licensed physicians from the UNC School of Medicine gave physicals and needed vaccinations to Edgemont's camp-bound youngsters.

"It became apparent at this point that some type of neighborhood facility was needed to meet the health care of the community," Bob Jones, a founder of the Edgemont clinic and a medical student at UNC, said. "So in June plans were put in motion to lay the groundwork for a health clinic in the Edgemont community."

A private citizen provided a vacant building for the use of the proposed clinic. Students and residents of Edgemont renovated the former beauty shop facility and set up a waiting room, four examining booths, a small medical laboratory and an office. At first equipment was loaned to the clinic from Duke and UNC.

Before formal opening of the clinic, students made arrangements with Watts, Duke and Lincoln hospitals and with the Durham County Health Department to send patients who needed more extensive treatment to one of these facilities.

The Edgemont Community Clinic opened its doors November 4 and has continued to treat patients each Monday evening since that time.

About half of the patients at Edgemont's clinic are children, many coming in for physicals or to have treatment for one of the many common childhood diseases.

"We try to meet the needs of the community as they occur," Kent Campbell a third-year Duke medical student, said. "We can give the community no more than what they let us know they want."

The clinic is financed through a number of private contributors, including medical student government societies at both Duke and UNC. The Duke Hospital Auxiliary recently made a \$2,200 donation to the clinic for maintenance costs. The Durham-Orange County Medical Society has also supplied financial as well as logistical help. A pending grant from the Regional Medical Program will be used for administrative and health aide personnel if it is approved.

Plans now call for expansion of

clinic facilities into an adjoining building on Angier Avenue and the institution of more health programs possibly including pre- and peri-natal care instructions.

"We hope to be able to redefine the term 'medical' to provide broader health care for residents of Edgemont," Campbell said. "We are trying to establish more comprehensive consultation and treatment to bring better health to the community, and at the same time learn first-hand the problems and rewards of community medicine."

## Wives Remodel Playroom



When you walk in, you'd think it was a circus.

There's a large elephant, a giraffe, a monkey on a swing, a lion and some clowns.

The animals aren't real, though, but they make a lot of children a little happier.

They're part of a new mural-type decorating scheme in the playroom of Howland ward.

Making the playroom look more like

fun and less like a hospital was the project of the Duke Hospital Pediatric House Staff Wives organization. The women are wives of interns and residents at the medical center.

Members donated their time and money to painting and carpeting the room, in addition to designing and making the stick-on murals. They added a number of toys for the children and are planning to redecorate the windows.

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