

Total Nearly \$50,000

# Hospital Auxiliary Presents Gifts

The cardiac care unit has expanded to supply constant care for four more critically ill patients.

The respiratory care unit now has the equipment to give better treatment to patients with serious pulmonary problems.

The division of neurosurgery now has one machine that can monitor all body functions of patients with severe head injuries.

These are noteworthy accomplishments for any hospital. But, what makes them extraordinary is that all were made possible by gifts from the Duke Hospital Auxiliary.

The auxiliary, composed of about 200 active and supporting members, contributed nearly \$50,000 in equipment and gifts to about 20 medical center departments and other subdivisions during the past year.

Volunteers made the money through profits from their two hospital snack bars and the Pink Smock Gift Shop over a several-year period.

Two of the major gifts were \$13,250 to the Department of Medicine's respiratory care unit and \$13,200 to the department's cardiac care unit.

The respiratory care unit, set up last October on Cabell ward, provides special care for patients with acute breathing problems. It is the first such unit in the state. Much of the unit's monitoring equipment was financed by the hospital auxiliary's gift.

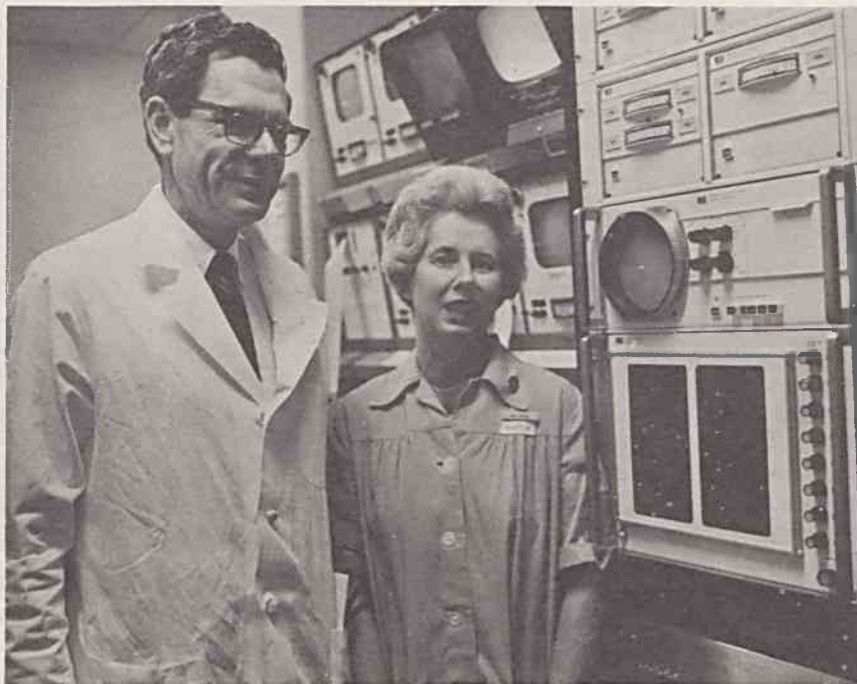
In addition to a direct-writing electrocardiograph machine and a cardiac monitoring oscilloscope, the new equipment includes a device which checks the adequacy of respiration by measuring immediately the amount of carbon dioxide in expired air.

Other new items purchased by the auxiliary are electrical blood pressure monitors, devices used to set respirator rates, and several other acute respiratory care machines.

"The ladies of the auxiliary have been just marvelous," Dr. Samuel M. McMahon, director of the unit, said. "The equipment they have given us is of immense value in treating patients."

Gifts to the cardiac care unit were in the form of four new heart monitors. These machines, which consist of an

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**CARDIAC CARE UNIT**—Dr. Henry McIntosh, chief of the cardiovascular division, checks over one of the cardiac monitors given to the unit by the Hospital Auxiliary. With him is Mrs. Betty Leach, project chairman for the auxiliary. *(Photo by Tom Knight)*



**HOSPITAL ORGAN**—Chaplain P. Wesley Aitken and Mrs. Mary Emerson of the auxiliary test out the new organ presented to the chapel by the auxiliary. *(Photo by Jim Wallace)*