



**LADYBUG, LADYBUG**—Susan Carlton Smith, assistant curator of the Trent Collection in the History of Medicine and free-lance artist, created the illustration above and many others for a children's book called *Ladybug, Ladybug* published recently by American Heritage. Miss Smith is presently working on illustrations for an anthology of children's poems.

## Letter of Appreciation

Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, Director  
Duke Hospital  
Durham, North Carolina 27706

Dear Dr. Sessoms:

Back some weeks ago, I was discharged as a patient from your medical center, and one of the first things that I intended to do when I returned to my office was to write this letter. Unfortunately, I find "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gan aft agley," and now that I have gotten around to the letter, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for an institution such as the Duke Medical Center.

Your units are staffed with the most competent people that I could imagine. Their concern for their patients is almost unbelievable in these modern times. Every nurse, intern, doctor, and people in other responsibilities that I came in contact with seem to go well beyond the call of duty in making their patients comfortable and at ease.

I was particularly impressed with the staff on the Minot Ward unit. The administrator was a young Mr. Eckel; the head nurse was a Miss Morgan, who is ably assisted by Nurses Hankins, Barbee, Leatherman, McLain, and others whose names have escaped my memory.

I, of course, was very much impressed with the X-ray therapy unit, and Doctors

Abramson and Connell and their efficient staff. Your institution does a wonderful job and those of us who are in need of your services are most fortunate to have you in our vicinity.

I had the good fortune to be under observation from Dr. Pheiffer and Dr. Persons and feel that I have been blessed to have had such excellent treatment. I know from personal experience that some people are prone to write more letters of criticism than they are of thanksgiving, so I would appreciate your extending my best wishes and deep sense of appreciation to all your staff.

I would be remiss if I did not say something about the excellent operation of the Drake Pavilion, where I was quartered for some three weeks. The staff and operating unit are particularly impressive and competent. Your Mrs. Parrish is a very excellent lady and very well suited for her job. She is sympathetic, understanding, and very, very helpful. The nurses staff in Room 308 could not have been greater.

With my very best wishes for your continued well-being and continued success of your institution, I remain.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas K. Happel, Jr.  
President  
PET Dairy Division

## Medical Center Gets 100,000th Library Volume

The Medical Center Library recently acquired its one hundred thousandth volume during Medical Alumni Weekend.

The 1794 edition, *An Oration on the Improvement of Medicine* by Amasa Dingley, was brought to Duke as a gift from the National Library of Medicine by the institution's director, Dr. Martin Cummings.

The volume, which became part of the library's Trent Collection, brings Duke's total number of medical books printed in the United States before 1821 to 560.

Dr. Cummings served as this year's Trent Lecturer. He is a member of the medical class which observed its 25th anniversary during Medical Alumni Weekend.

## Holt, Peck

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A graduate of East Carolina College in 1955, he earned his master's degree in business administration specializing in hospital administration at George Washington University in 1964.

Mr. Holt served his administrative residency at the 688-bed Kern County Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif.

He is married to the former Rebecca Throneburg of Manassas, Va., and they have three children, Ken, 3, Patrick, 2, and Amy, 4 months.

Mr. Peck, 28, comes to Duke from a position as assistant administrator of the University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to his appointment to that post in 1967, he was an administrative assistant at the same medical center.

He earned his A. B. degree in economics from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1963 and a master's degree from the Graduate Program in Hospital Administration at Duke in 1966. He did his administrative residency at Duke Hospital, at the Duke Endowment in Charlotte, and at Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh.

Mr. Peck, a native of Washington, N. C., is married to the former Barbara Mansfield of Jacksonville, Fla., and they have a two-year-old daughter, Cathy.