

Duke-Civitan

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Department of Psychiatry in cooperation with the departments of pediatrics, psychology, education and obstetrics.

In addition to the Civitan contribution, funds from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and from the Medical Center are pledged toward construction of the center.

Contractor for the one-story facility will be the George W. Kane Construction Co. of Durham, which bid \$454,258. The plumbing subcontract went to the Alliance Plumbing Co. of Durham. Mechanical work will be done by Biemann and Powell of Raleigh, and the electrical contractor will be Howard Green of Raleigh. Total cost of the project is expected to be about \$595,000.

The building, designed by the architectural firm of J.N. Pease and Associates, will be constructed of reinforced concrete and precast concrete panels. It is structured so that two more floors may be added in the future.

Endowment Makes Grant

Duke Medical Center was one of 230 hospitals and child care institutions in North and South Carolina to share in the Duke Endowment's \$1,829,264 worth of appropriations given out in February for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1969.

The hospital received a total of \$87,628 to assist with operating expenses on the basis of \$1 for each day of free care given and to reimburse the hospital for participation in Hospital Administrative Services (HAS) and Professional Activity Study (PAS) of the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities of Ann Arbor, Mich.

HAS and PAS are services which compile and distribute financial and statistical information for their subscribers each month.

Announcement of the Endowment's gifts was made February 19 by James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care sections of the Endowment.

In addition to Duke, both Watts and Lincoln hospitals in Durham received an appropriation from the Endowment.

About one-fourth of the building will be used by the Developmental Evaluation Clinic. As a center for diagnosis of the causes of mental retardation, the clinic will be an integral part of Duke's program to study the whys and hows of retardation.

A number of researchers in psychiatry, pediatrics and psychology have already planned projects for the new center with others to be added as new research goals evolve.

Dr. Donald S. Leventhal, assistant professor of medical psychology, intends to investigate the relationship between factors leading to brain impairment in the early months of life and later emotional and intellectual development.

Dr. James B. Sidbury, Jr., professor of pediatrics, plans to develop and test screening methods for detection of different types of retardation at the new facility.

Research into the mechanisms of learning difficulties in children will be the project of Dr. Marcel Kinsbourne, associate professor of pediatrics and neurology.

Dr. Edward Clifford, associate professor of medical psychology, will do research on how children picture themselves. A part of this project will include a study of the mental and emotional effects of cleft palate.

Dr. Harold Harris, associate professor of child psychiatry, will be working on two projects at the center. One will investigate the development of maternal attitudes during pregnancy and how these attitudes influence the earliest development of the child. The other will involve the evaluation of certain stable personality characteristics during pregnancy and how these are influencing family planning, contraceptive practices and attitudes toward pregnancy.

The facility should be completed in a about a year.

Library Prints Book

The Medical Center Library recently published the second edition of a list of *Early American Medical Imprints* at Duke University. The new listing includes more than 560 American medical works printed before 1821.



DR. EUGENE F. VAN EPPS

Dr. E. Van Epps Dies in March

Dr. Eugene F. Van Epps, professor of radiology at Duke from July, 1968, to August, 1969, died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 11 of an apparent stroke.

While he was at Duke, Dr. Van Epps served as president of the American Board of Radiology. He had been professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Iowa from 1954 to 1967.

The 58-year-old physician took the post of professor of radiology of the University of New Mexico and director of the VA Hospital there when he left Duke last summer.

Dr. Van Epps was a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

He is survived by his wife, Yola, two sons, and a daughter.

Moore Appointed

Robert E. Moore has been named assistant hospital business officer replacing G. Bruce Gebhardt, who recently took a position with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

An administrative assistant in the business office since October, 1968, Mr. Moore will now be responsible for patient accounting and third-party billing procedures.

A native of Brunswick County, Virginia, he came to Duke following three years' work in data processing with the U.S. Air Force.