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For Young Patient Duke Nursing Staff Expresses Concern



A BIT OF T.L.C.-Leroy Yellock, a patient on Long Ward, gets some of Duke Hospital's special TLC (tender loving care) from PCA's Marion Gordon, left, and Maxine Massey. (photo by Lewis Parrish)



MORE ROOM TO PLAY -The newly renovated and enlarged pediatric playroom is put to good use by these four kids from Howland and Matas wards. The playroom underwent about \$2,500 worth of modernizing recently and expanded into the former pediatric waiting room. Duke's pediatric recreation program is under the direction of therapist Miss Sally Francis. The children, from left to right, are Bonnie Bradley, Randy Harris, Mary Roseboro, and Jim Carver. (photo by Lewis Parrish) Nursing staffs in general at Duke Hospital are known for taking more than the usual interest in patients, and the staff on Long Ward has demonstrated it.

It all started when Leroy Yellock, a 22-year-old man from Roxboro, checked into the Hospital a few weeks ago. Mr. Yellock had previously lost the use of all four limbs following an automobile accident.

The staff soon discovered that the Yellock household had been destroyed by fire a few months ago and the family had lost nearly all of its possessions.

That's when the nurses, patient care assistants, ward clerks, and just about everyone else associated with Long Ward really went to work.

•They donated more than eight boxes of clothing for the entire family in addition to a number of household furnishings. Then some of the dietetics employes on the second-floor tray unit down the hall from Long Ward heard about the Yellocks and collected some other items for the family.

When they learned the borrowed stove the Yellock family was using had to be returned, the Long staff contacted a local appliance dealer who donated an electric range to the family.

Miss Marion Gordon, PCA on Long, added that interested Duke employes are now trying to obtain a refrigerator and washing machine for the Yellocks.

The whole staff echoed her words: "Leroy is just a wonderful patient, and we all wanted to do whatever we could to make things better for him and his family."

Attention LPN's

LPN's interested in applying for Duke's year-long postgraduate course in operating room technique should contact John M. Stribling, operating room administrator, at extension 2106 for more information. The class is scheduled to start in May.