

Chief Surgeon, Dr. John A. Parrott



DR. JOHN A. PARROTT AND FAMILY

By PAUL BARWICK

Dr. John A. Parrott will be Chief Surgeon at Duplin General Hospital. The Board of Directors and hospital officials feel they are extremely fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. Parrott for this important position.

He has an outstanding record for a 40-year-old doctor which had its beginning when he was a junior at North Carolina State where he was studying aeronautical engineering.

His father, Dr. Albert Parrott of Kinston, persuaded him to give up his ideas for becoming an engineer, transfer to the University of North Carolina and study medicine.

After completing his pre-med course at UNC, he enrolled at Temple Medical School where he graduated in 1940. One year of his in-

ternship was spent at City Hospital, Winston-Salem, and the second year was in Kinston under Dr. Mercer Parrott. He was associate in surgery there for one and a half years before entering the United States Navy from 1942-46.

Two and a half years of his service was spent in the Pacific Theater of operation. He was discharged as Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy.

Dr. Parrott returned to Kinston to continue his work but took time out to re-enter Temple University where he took an eight weeks post-graduate course.

After the short course, he returned to Parrott Hospital in Kinston, where he remained for four years as Associate in Surgery.

In January, 1951, he went to New Orleans where he worked and stud-

ied under the renowned Dr. Alton Ochsner, professor of Surgery at Tulane University. He studied under Dr. Ochsner for 15 months. During his stay, he was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Louisiana.

He then was employed at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, and was Chief Resident in Surgery. He remained in the capacity for 15 months. It was during this time that he became acquainted with I. O. "Jim" Wilkerson, who is the administrator of Duplin General Hospital.

He returned in July, 1953, to the Surgical Staff of Lenoir Memorial Hospital where he remained until taking the position of Chief Surgeon at the Duplin General Hospital.

Dr. Parrott's grammar school and high school education was in

Why Health Insurance?

It is better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it, is the expert advice of many doctors and insurance agencies. Health Insurance is almost a "must" in the farm family budget if we are to meet the medical needs of our people. Far sighted individuals have seen the keen need of bringing better medical service closer to the people of Duplin County and it will be necessary for all families to make some type of an arrangement to avail themselves of this new medical facility, our General Hospital.

Few people realize that the average family pays about \$120.00 annually for medical service, and this falls far short of required medical needs. As compared with standards of reasonably good medical care, the farm people of Duplin are using less than half of the doctor and hospital service that they need, less than a third of the needed dental and eye service and less than a tenth of needed health insurance. The percentage of uncorrected physical defects among rural school children is high. The rural people of Duplin County should need no crystal ball to foresee the imperativeness of contacting a reputable insurance company now to secure the necessary coverage for their families. Reputable is a word that bears close scrutiny in choosing an insurance company to deal with. Certain companies are under close observation in North Carolina for unscrupulous cancellation of policies when they are needed most. Guidance in selecting companies can be secured through offices of the Duplin County Farm Bureau, doctors, Health Department or agriculture leaders in the county.

In cases of stringency and monthly or quarterly premiums are difficult, arrangements could possibly be worked out whereby health insurance could be carried along with operating expense by the landlord and be paid in the fall.

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Kinston public school system.

He is married to the former Miss Hettie Andrews, of Lyman, in Duplin County, near Chinquapin. They were married in 1947 and have four children, Mary Fletcher, 7; John A., Jr., 6; Susan, 4; and Billy, 2.

Dr. Parrott was born in Kinston November 6, 1915, and is the son of the late Dr. Albert Parrott. His mother, the former Miss Mary Virginia Fletcher, of Upperville, Va., is still living and resides in Kinston.

He is active in many civic organizations. Among them are the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and is a 32-Degree Mason and member of the Sudan Temple of Shriners, and Elks Lodge No. 740 in Kinston.

He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Professionally, he is a member of the Lenoir County Medical Society, State Medical Society, American Medical Society and Duplin Medical Society. His chief hobbies are boats and airplanes.

Some 25 years ago, when he was quite a youngster in high school, Dr. Parrott distinguished himself as a pilot when he, Carl Goerch and his father, made the much-publicized "Dawn-to-Dust" flight from Manteo to Murphy and back in one day.

The total flying time was approximately nine hours. Dr. Parrott (John A.) was pilot of the entire flight. When he received his pilot's license, he was one of four or five persons in North Carolina to have them.

As a youngster, he was a member of the Cub Scouts and Boy

FRONT PAGE PHOTOS

The pictures on the front page show the overall picture of the Duplin General Hospital. They were made by Daniel Lanier of Lanier's Studio in Wallace. The top photo shows the hospital and grounds as seen from across Highway 11 directly in front of the hospital.

The lower photo shows a scene of the three buildings, Health Center to right, Nurses Home to the left, and Hospital in background. This photo also shows some of the trees that set off the old Hampton Williams home that stood just to the left of the Health Center. Also shows the shadows of trees. This photo was made behind the Kenansville Drug Store. Incidentally, Daniel is a native of Beulaville, in Duplin County.

Scouts. Later, he became assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 4. He also was a paper boy for four years. Dr. Parrott and his family will reside in Kenansville. He has purchased part of the James Sprunt institute estate and plans to build in the near future.

Hospital Administrator, I. O. Wilkerson

By PAUL BARWICK

The administrator of Duplin General Hospital, I. O. "Jim" Wilkerson, 33, has been performing his duties in Kenansville since May 1, 1954.

Soon after he accepted the position at the Duplin-General Hospital, he set up his office in the court house and went about the task of helping select the various items for the new structure and employing personnel.

Wilkerson's career as hospital administrator had its beginning while he was a student at Wake Forest college. A close friend of his was planning to go into the field and persuaded Wilkerson that it was a growing and progressive field for a young man to enter.

After graduation from Wake Forest college in June, 1948, with a degree in General Science, he was employed at Rex Hospital, in Raleigh, where his internship was spent.

While at Rex Hospital, he became a close friend of Dr. John A. Parrott, who is to be Chief Surgeon at Duplin General Hospital.

After Wilkerson's internship was completed, he remained with Rex Hospital as administrative assistant until he accepted the job in Duplin county.

He has always been interested in hospital work, although he did not start out in college to become a hospital administrator.

From 1942 to 1946, he served in the United States Air Force. He was discharged with a rank of staff sergeant. During World War II he was stationed in Missouri as an instrument trainer instructor.

He is a member of the Methodist church, along with his wife. Their membership has been moved to Kenansville church where Wilkerson is serving as a steward.

He was married to the former Miss Doris Bizzell, December 1, 1951. She is a native of Newton Grove, but attended high school in Dunn. She studied at East Carolina college before transferring to the University of North Carolina to complete her work in education.

Wilkerson is a native of Person county, but lived in Greensboro most of his life. He attended public school in Greensboro.

He has no particular hobbies, but likes to "tinker" with radios, television sets, cook cakes and "dabble" in oil paints. He likes all kinds of sports, including golf, which he plays when he is in the vicinity of a golf course and has ample time.

Professionally, he is a member of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

He is a member of the Masonic Order and the William G. Hill Lodge, in Raleigh. While in Raleigh, he was a member of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce.



MR. AND MRS. I. O. WILKERSON

He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and is past Province Chief of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity in South Atlantic States, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

The Wilkersons plan to build soon a home of their own in Kenansville. Theirs will probably be constructed on a portion of the James Sprunt property, adjacent to the property owned by Dr. John A. Parrott.

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