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### NEW HOSPITAL CONTRACTS SIGNED AND GROUND BROKEN

County Commissioners and past member of the Board of Trustees at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Mr. Bruce Strickland, signed the contracts authorizing construction of the new 315 bed General hospital and the 55 bed Regional Rehabilitation Center here in Pitt County on Tuesday, February 5 in Raleigh at the Office of the State Treasurer.

Representatives from Pitt County Pernment including Mr. Strickland, Mr. Reginald Gray, County Manager, Mr. W. W. Speight, County Attorney, Ms. Margaret Roberts, Recorder, Mr. Charles Gaskins, County Commissioner and Chairman of the Building Committee of the New Hospital; representatives from the hospital including Mr. Ed Warren, Chairman of the Board; Jack W. Richardson, Administrator; Mr. Ralph Hall, Construction Manager; representatives from FREEMAN-WHITE ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS; representatives from HEW in Atlanta; representatives from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services; and representatives from the Local Government Commission met to finalize agreements concerning the \$2 million HEW loan and also to sign contracts for the construction of the New Hospital.

Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled for February 14 and construction will begin after the required preconstruction conference planned for the same date. The total cost for New Hospital and Rehabilitation hter will be \$15.9 million. Initial funds for this project were voted by the people of Pitt County in 1971 when a \$9 million bond issue was passed. The balance of the financing

Vice Chairman of the Board of comes from the \$2 million HEW loan, \$1.6 million in Federal and State Rehabilitation grants, \$750,000 from a grant by The Duke Endowment, contribution of \$30,000 from Burroughs-Wellcome, and \$12,000 from North Carolina National Bank. The balance of funds come from the hospital building fund reserve and Federal revenue sharing money committed by the County.

> Construction schedule calls for 900 days and the project is tentatively scheduled for completion in early 1977. Most of the beds in the New Hospital will be in private rooms.



Shown above left to right are: Bruce Strickland, County Commissioner; Burney Tucker, County Commissioner; Ed Warren, Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees; Alton Gardner, County Commissioner; Charles Gaskins, Official Spokesman--New Hospital Project; J. Vance Perkins, County Commissioner; and W. W. Speight, County Attorney.

A long awaited dream gained further reality on February 14, 1974 when ground was broken for the new hospital. Despite the rainy conditions, Martin and five other members of the Board of Commissioners, along with Ed Warren, chairman of the Board of

Trustees of Pitt Memorial and County Attorney W. W. Speight joined in turning the first eight shovels-full of dirt for the project. Construction is now under-way on the new hospital.



Shown above left to right are: R. L. Martin, Chairman of County Commissioners; Ed Warren, Chairman of Hospital Board; Jack W. Richardson, Administrator; and Ralph Hall, Construction Supervisor.



Pictured left to right: Woodrow Wooten, Hospital Board member; and Jesse Moye, Past Hospital Board Chairman.



Pictured left to right: Dr. H. H. Gradis and Mr. J. Ed Waldrop, Past Hospital Board Chairman.

## ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS NEW HOSPITAL

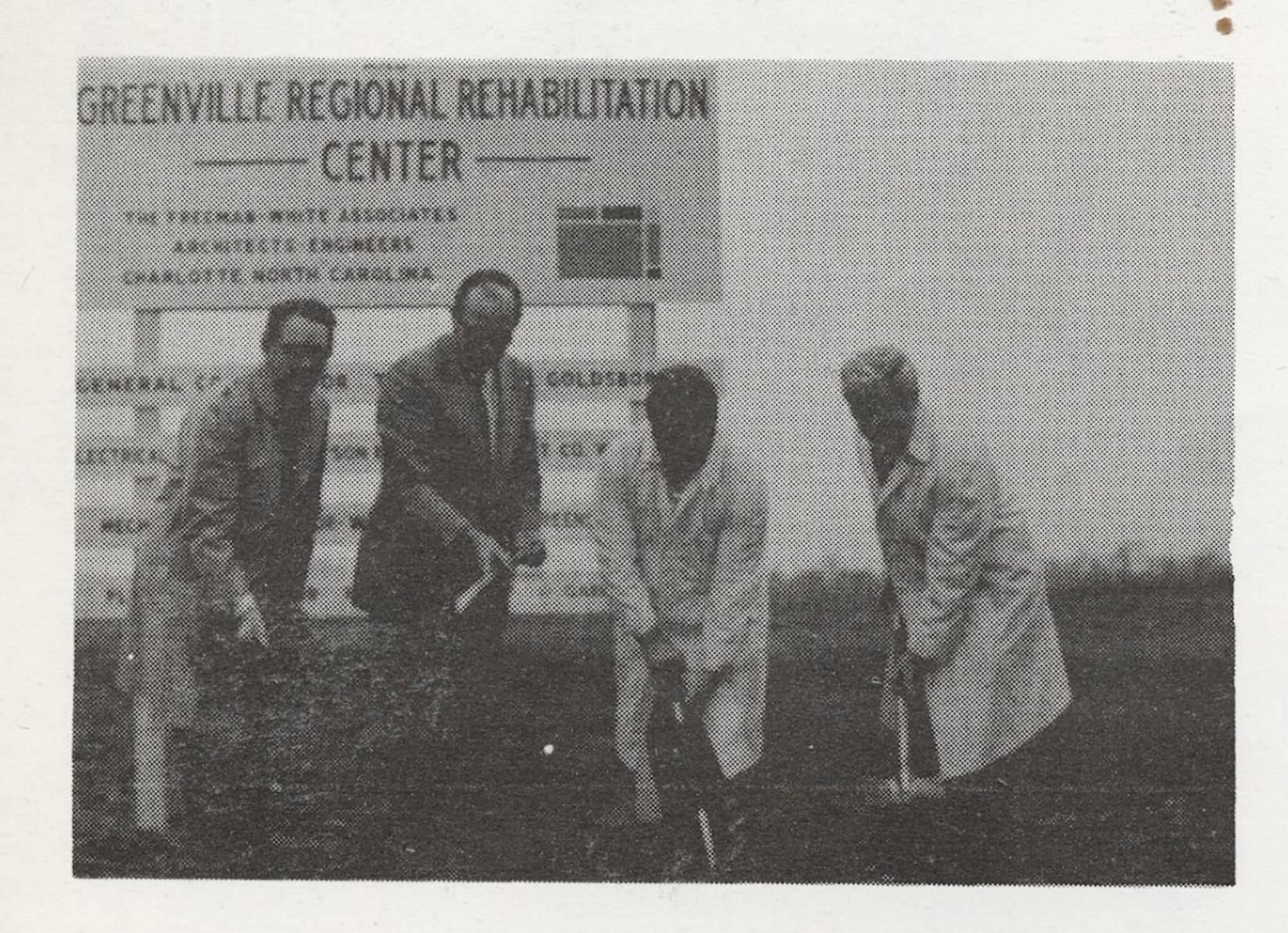
Below are a few scenes of the ground breaking ceremony for the new hospital. Participants were happy despite the rain.



Pictured left to right: Bob Harrison, State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Claude Myer, State Department of Rehabilitation, and Dr. H. H. Gradis.



Shown above left to right are: Charles Gaskins Official Spokesman--New Hospital Project; Ed Warren, Chairman, Hospital Board of Trustees; Reginald Gray, County Manager; and Dr. R. L. West.



Pictured left to right: Kenneth Dews, Wilton Duke, Ephriam Smith (Board members), and Walter Stroud, past Board member.



Pictured left to right: Bob Barnes, Materials Management Manager; Ralph Hall, Construction Supervisor; Jack W. Richardson, Administrator, M. E. Gilstrap, Assistant Administrator; T.B. Sitterson, Assistant Administrator; and Ed Hackett, Patient Representative.



Shown above left to right are: Dr. R.W. McConnell, Dr. Allen Taylor, Mrs. Frances Childs, Secretary to Mr. Richardson; Mrs. J. B. Spilman, member of Hospital Gifts Committee; and. Mrs. Lorraine Nobles, Dietician.

#### STALLINGS ELECTED DIRECTOR

Pitt County Memorial Hospital Director of Pharmacy Services, John Stallings, was recently elected a Director for the North Carolina Society of Hospital Pharmacists. The Hospital extends its congratulations to Mr. Stallings for this honor.

"Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death."
--James F. Byrnes.

#### \$25 SAVINGS BOND WINNER.



These people have won \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bonds for good attendance. When will you get your name on this list???

Sheila Stocks--Laboratory Elnora Edwards--Housekeeping Barbara Muse--Operating Room Alice Ayers--Nursing Hartman Tucker--Maintenance Mary Gardner--Nursing Olive Barnhill--Dietary Ione Corbett--Nursing Eula M. Jones--Nursing Becky Jones--Nursing Malissa Daniels--Housekeeping Lena Worthington--Housekeeping Rita Durham--Nursing Gloria Boyd--Nursing Billy Gurkin--Laboratory Betty Batts--Business Office Sadie Williams--Nursing Grace Wallace--X-ray



# DONATION RECEIVED FOR MICROSCOPE

The Department of Laboratory Medicine received a donation from the Pitt County Chapter of the American Cancer Society for the purchase of a new microscope. The microscope will be used for diagnosing cancer and in conjunction with deciding therapy for cancer patients. The above picture is of Mrs. Phyllis Martin, President of the Pitt County Cancer Society, delivering the donation to Dr. Charles F. Gilbert of the Department of Laboratory Medicine.

"Life comes before literature, as the material always comes before the world blooms with statues."

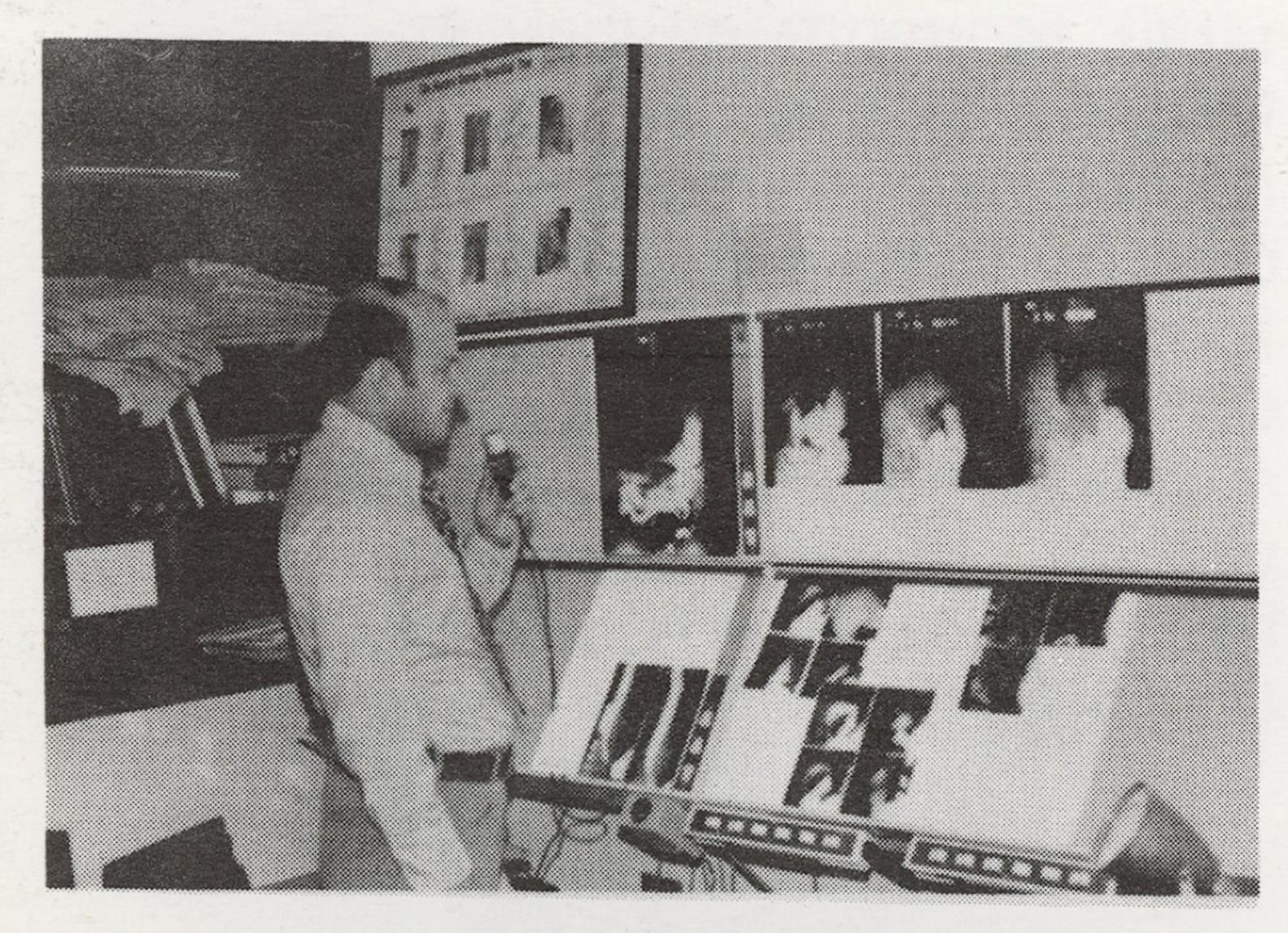
-Phillip Brooks.

# KNOW YOUR DEPARTMENT "Department of Radiology"

perating a full seven day week and seeing an average of eighty patients between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. each day, the Radiology Department plays a vital role in the health care program at Pitt Memorial Hospital. The department is located on the first floor of PCMH, adjacent to the Emergency Room and Lab. The department consists of three Radiologic-Fluroscopic rooms and a Radiographic room for performing strictly skull radiographs.

In a comparative sense, the field of radiology is young one. Before the discovery of x-rays by Wilhelm K. Roentgen in 1895, surgery was the only method of seeing inside the human body. Now with the diagnostic use of x-rays and radiation therapy, we may utilize these vital tools in the treatment of today's population.

Dr. R. W. McConnell, Dr. Allen Taylor, and Dr. Joseph Kopinski are the three radiologists in the Radiology Department. All are licensed physicians who specialize in the use x-rays and radioactive isotopes. A blogist is often the doctor behind the scene-the doctor's doctor. He must interpret the x-rays and consult with the attending physician concerning the condition of the patient. Through both physicians' efforts, the patient is diagnosed and properly treated. In this way, the diagnositic use of x-rays enables efficient and thorough care.

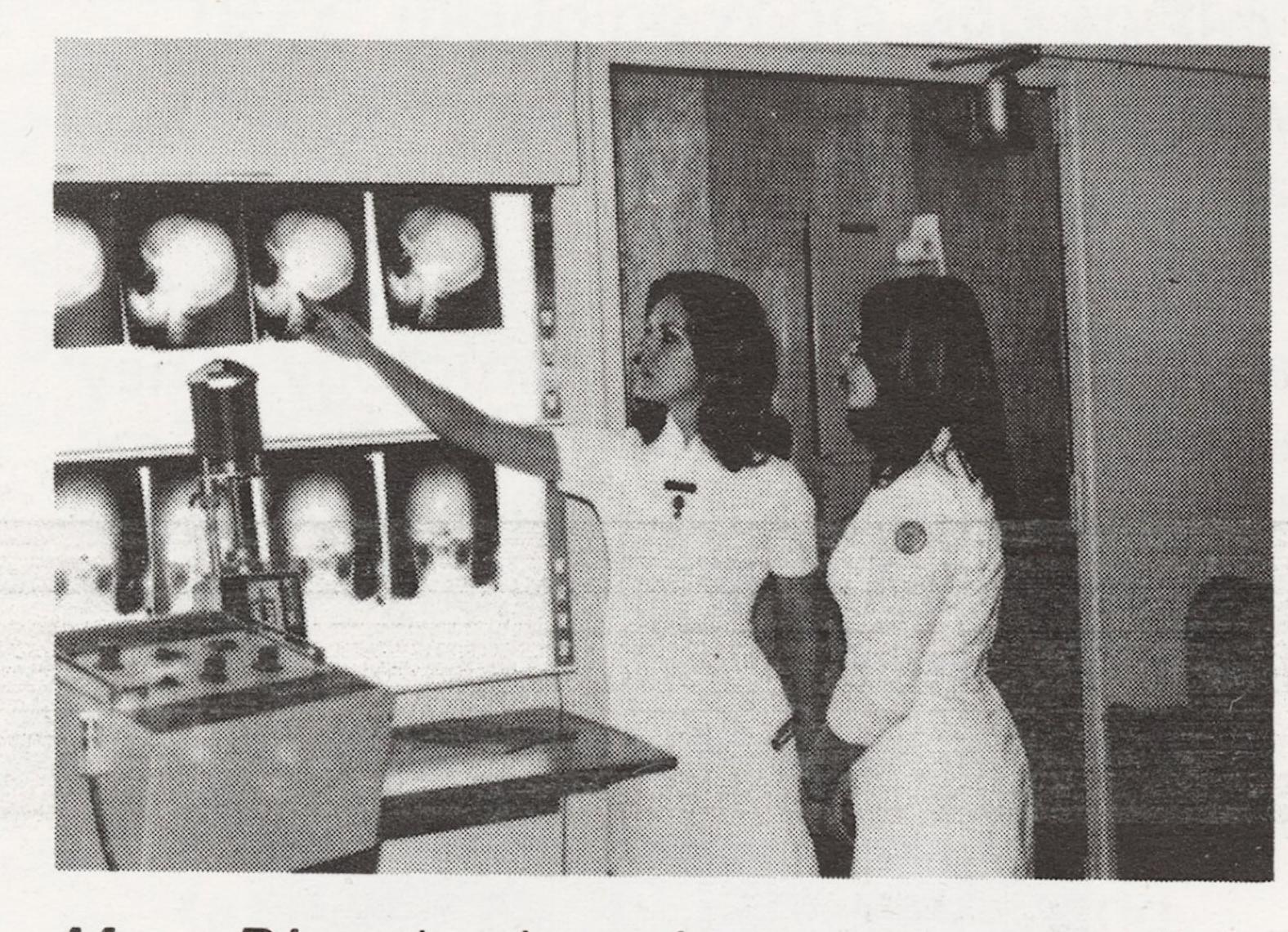


What lurks in the shadowly depths of those x-rays? Dr. Joseph Kopinski records and dictates daily films.

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FOR FIRE OR EMERGENCY

PCMH has some of the most advanced radiological equipment but is limited in facilities for the equipment. Special Procedures in Radiology requires this equipment and are often performed by the attending radiologist. A typical example of Special Procedures in Radiology is the injection of a contrast medium into the femoral arteriograms, thus enabling the visualization of the blood vessel leading to the heart and other vital organs. This equipment also enables the radiologist to make a video tape of all major organs and their motions. Special Procedures often take two to four hours for the completion of one patient. This often ties up one room all day. The Radiology Department is handicapped in the comparison of its patient load to the amount of equipment and space available.

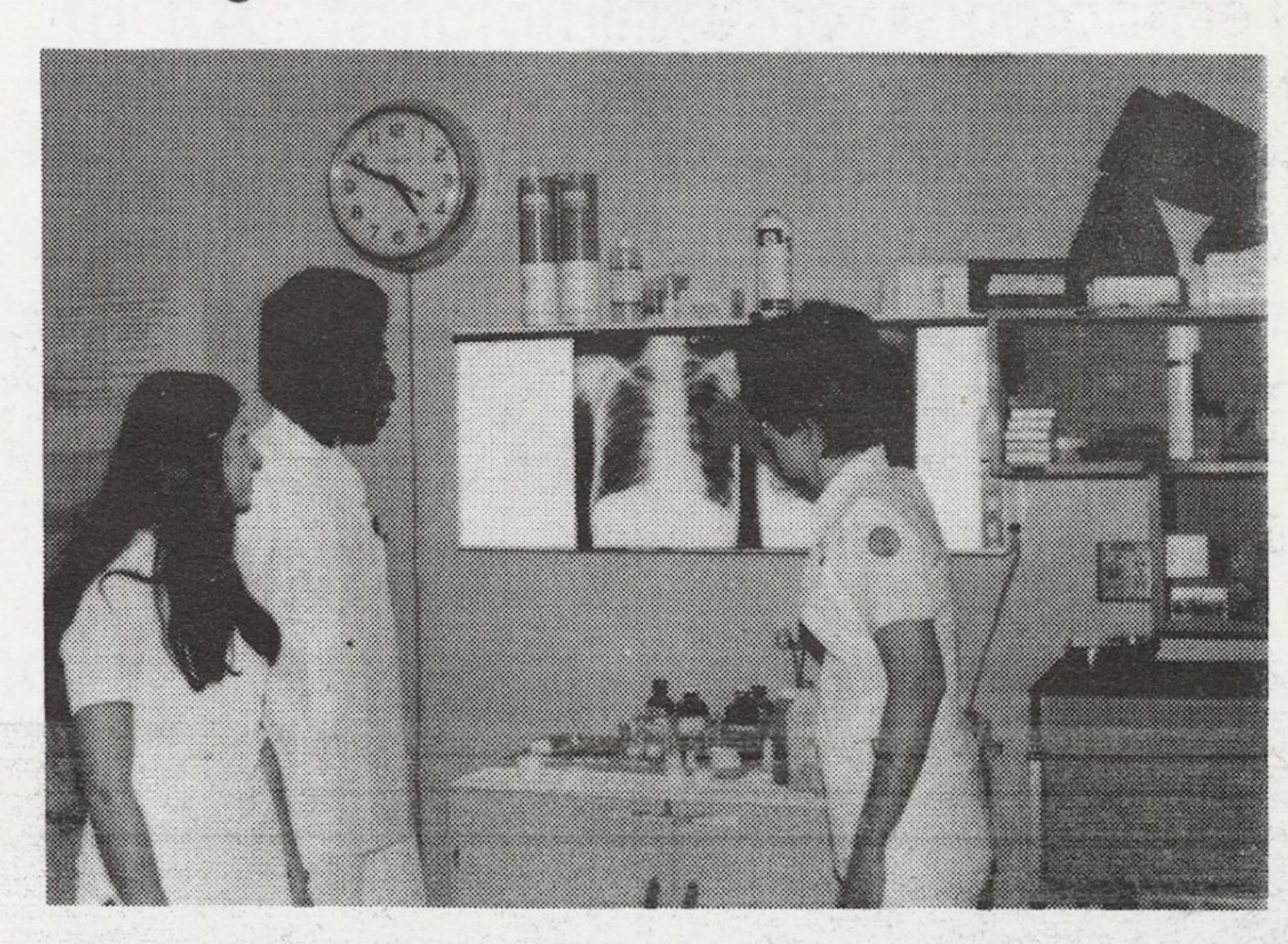


Mrs. Rivenbark points out a detail in an arteriogram film to a student. By Special Procedures detailed and specialized radiographs are produced. The pressure ejector is of great assistance: It enables the radiologist to inject contrast material into the body in a short time--thus avoiding dilution.

Radiology Department at PCMH is divided into a diagnostic section and a nuclear medicine section. Special procedures and x-rays are processed in the diagnostic section. The nuclear medicine section involves the use of radioisotopes. The patient is given a fast decaying radioactive material internally which can be traced inside the body. The concentration of the isotope in an organ varies according to whether the tissue is healthy or diseased. By viewing the concentration, a radiologist can determine the organ's condition.

There are twelve positions for radiologic technologists in the Radiology Department, although currently four positions are vacant on the staff. A technologist is skilled in operating the radiological equipment, processing the film, aiding the radiologists and executing various procedures under supervision.

Chief Radiologic Technologist is Miss Sandra Harrison. She is responsible for overall supervision of the departmental and personnel activities under the direction of the practicing radiologist. Miss Harrison's requirements for her position include two years at an accredited school of Radiologic Technology and registration by the ARRT as well as various post graduate continuing education courses.



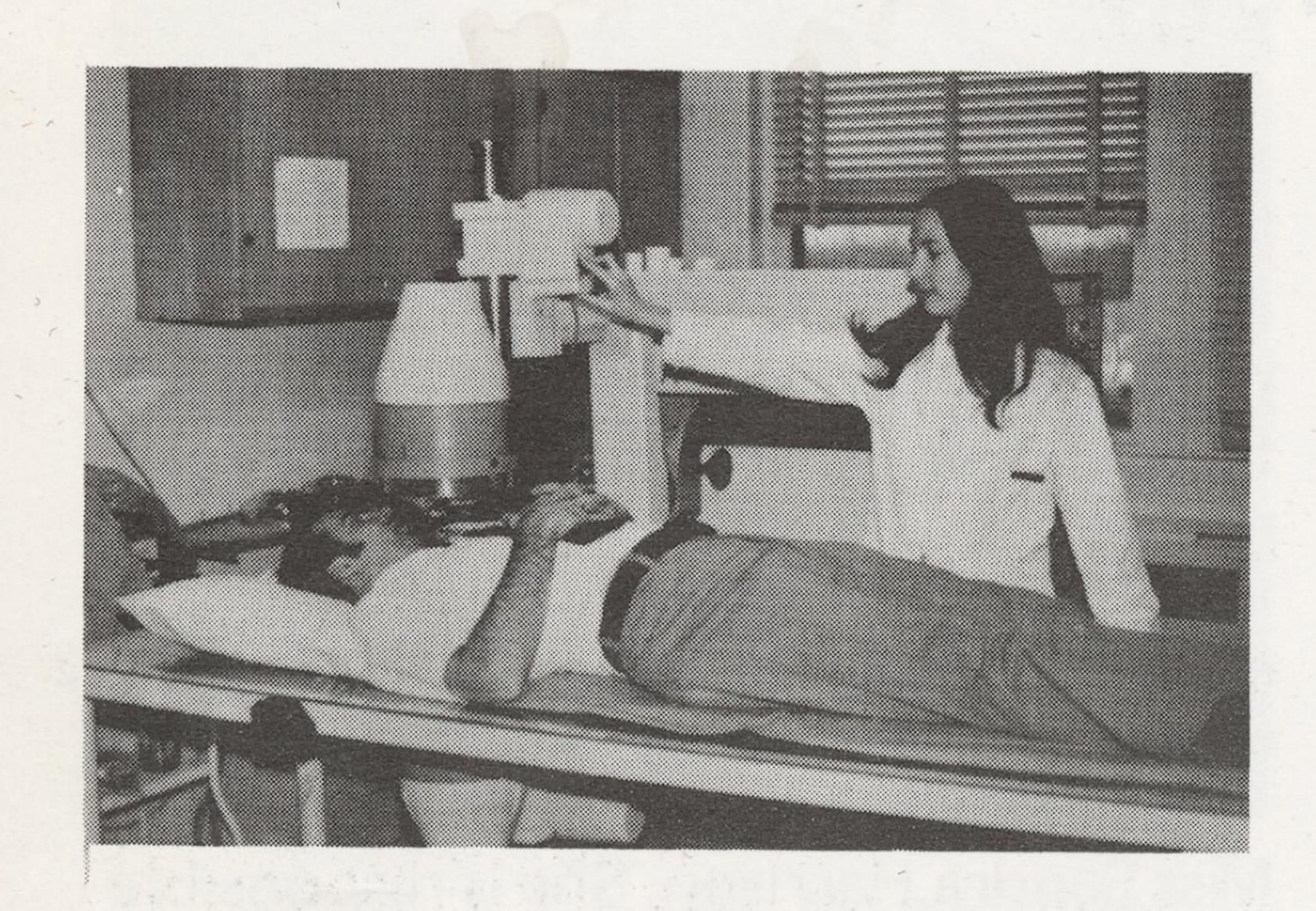
The rib bone connected to the...Miss Harrison points out an area of interest in a chest x-ray to the students.

Mrs. Judy Rivenbark is Assistant Chief Radiologic Technologists. She works closely with Miss Harrison concerning the department. Mrs. Rivenbark is primarily concerned with the program in Radiologic Technology and its students. She and Miss Harrison work together in coordinating the program's curriculum. Mrs. Rivenbark has attended a two-year school of Radiologic Technology and is registered by the ARRT. She has also attended various continuing education programs in Radiologic Technology.

Nuclear Medicine Technologists are involved principally with procedures utilizing radioactive isotopes in nuclear medicine. In Radiology Department, the Nuclear Medicine Technologists are: Mrs. Irene Adams, Chief (currently out on sick leave); Mrs. Elizabeth Dupree; and Miss Joanne Tuten. They ensure the proper conditions of the equipment in their section and its use in different procedures.

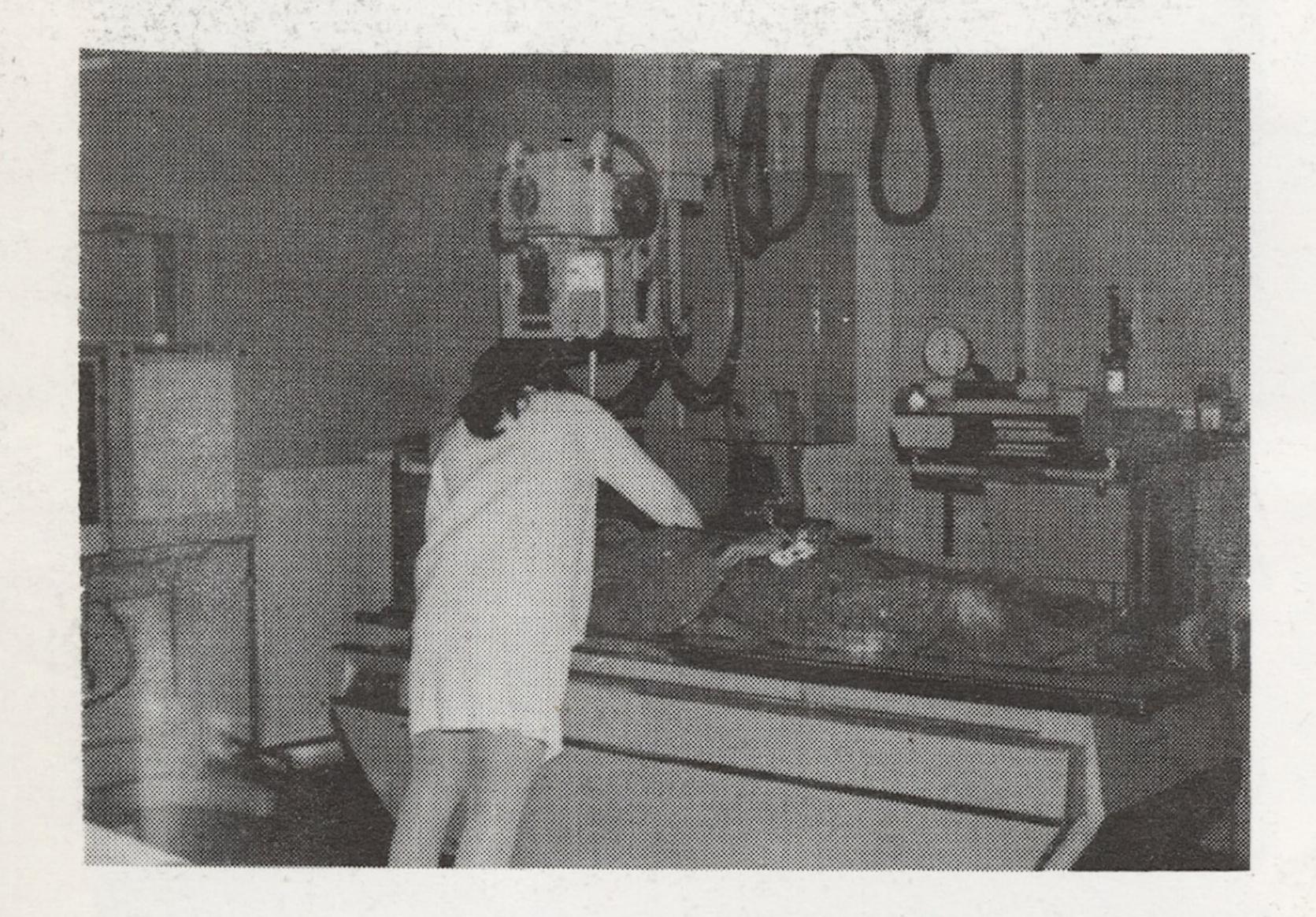
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## RADIOLOGY — A Highly Specialized Department

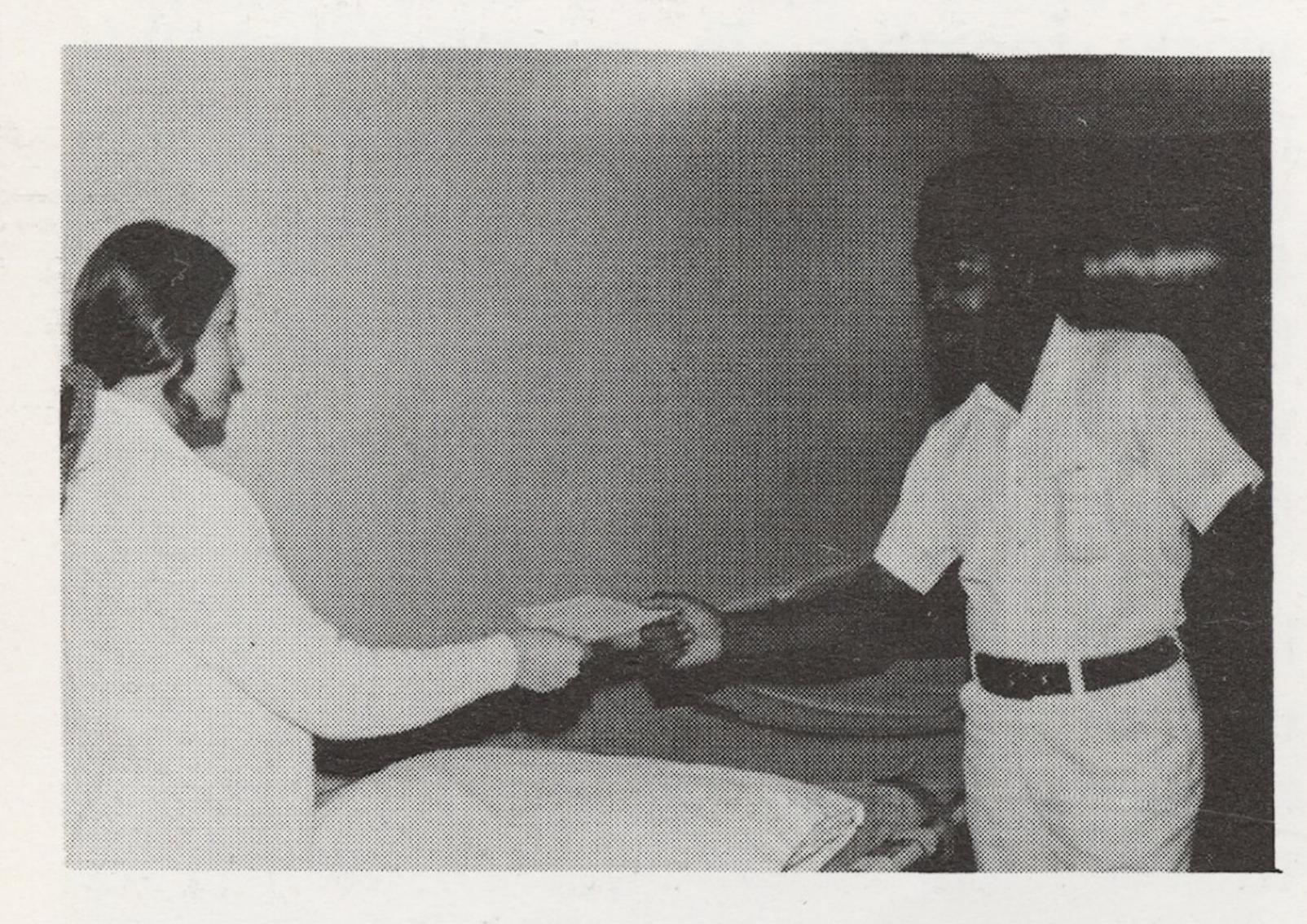


I've just about got it...no, no, move a little more this way. Ms. Elizabeth Dupree positions a patient for x-rays.

All of the radiologic technologist are familiar with diagnostic procedures and may perform these procedures under the supervision of the Chief Technologist or a radiologist. All of the technologists are on the active teaching staff of the program in Radiologic Technology at PCMH. The following are staff radiologists in the department: Linda Worthington, Bobby Carson, Debbie Price, and Grace Wallace.

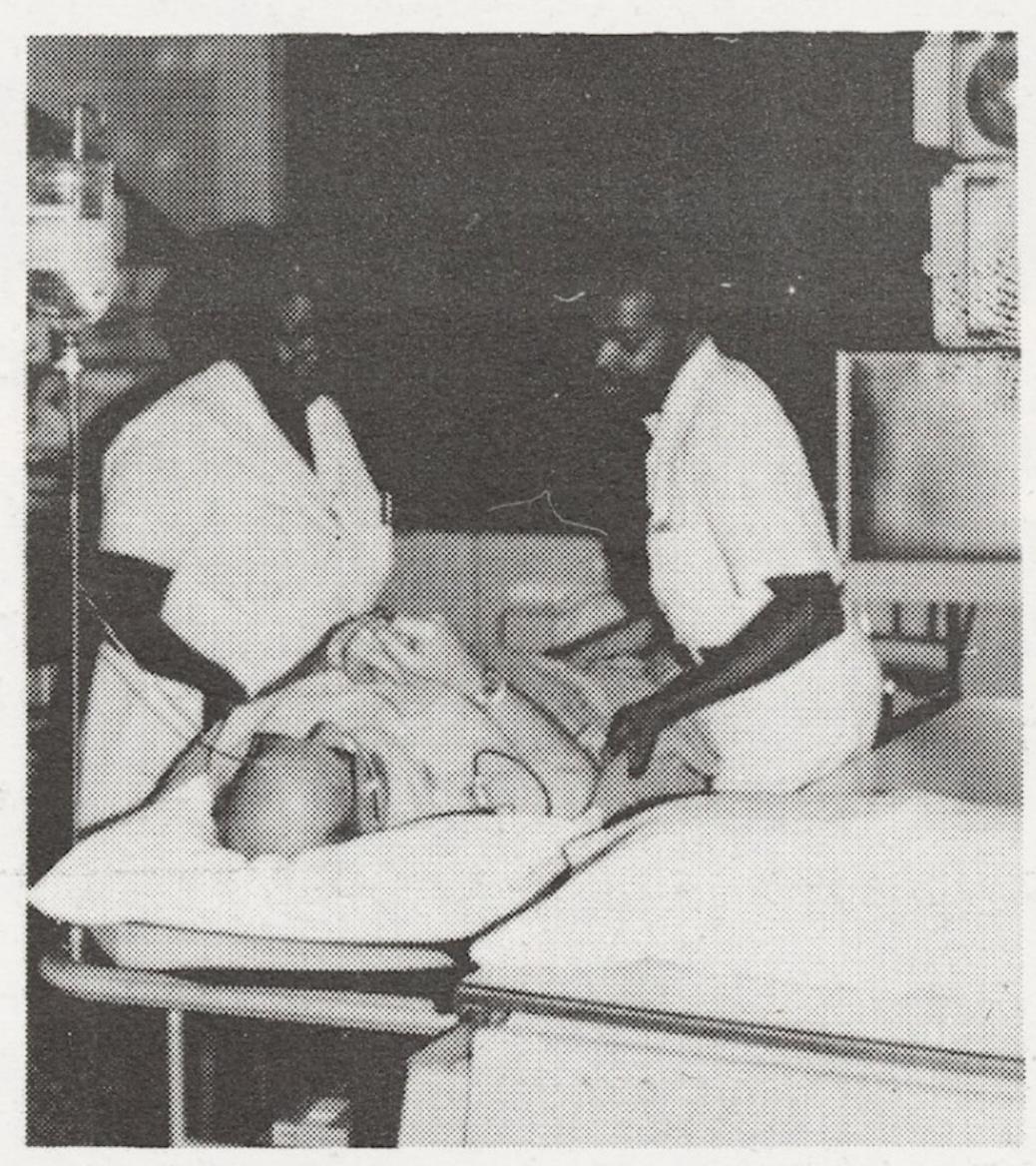


A little more to the right! Grace Wallace positions a patient for a routine examination.



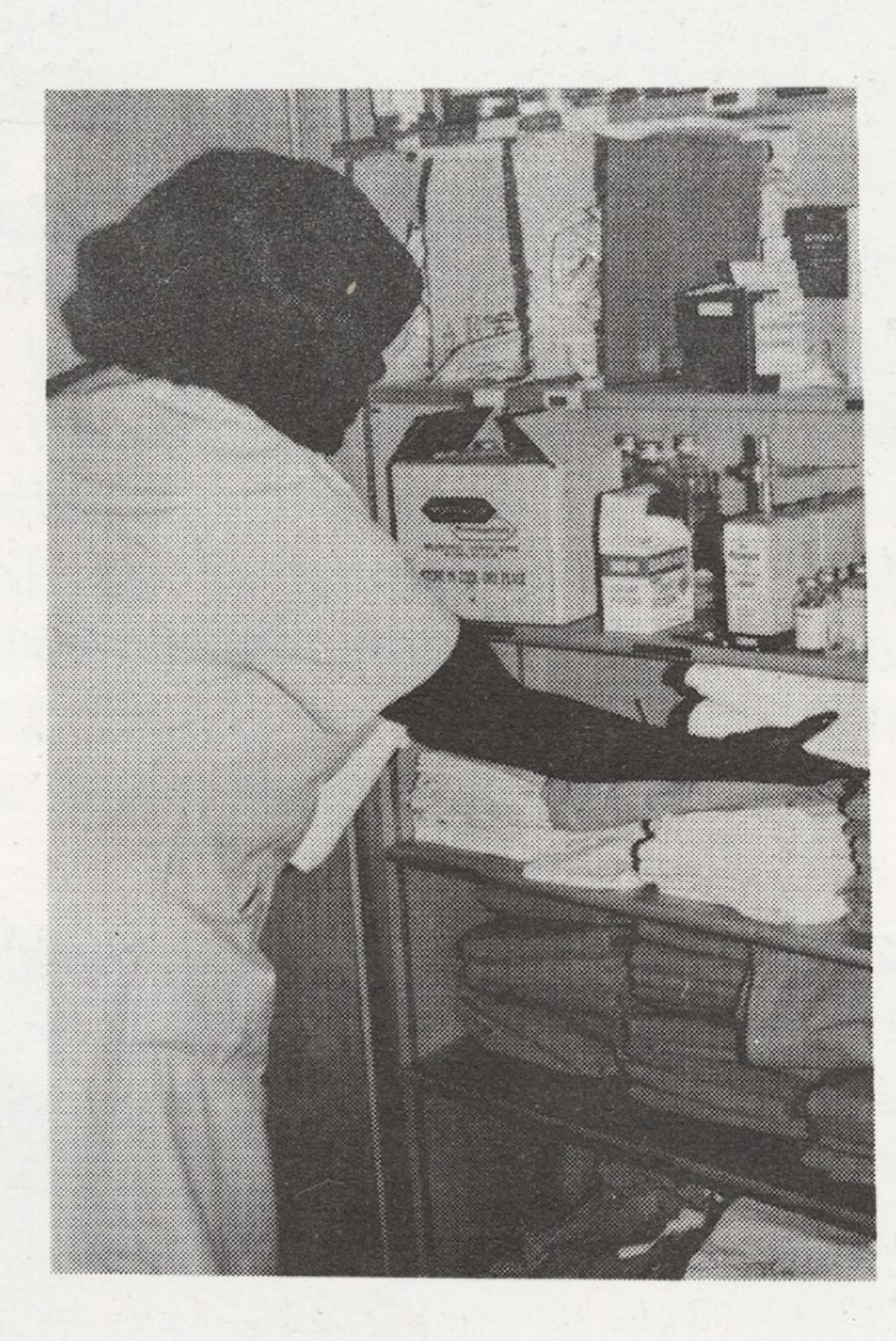
Another please! Grace Wallace, R.T., hands Karl Henderson a request for another patient.

Mr. Karl Henderson, Mr. Bobby Bryan, and Mr. Branch Goodson serve as male attendants in Radiology. They aid the patient in getting to the x-ray room for his x-rays. Various other duties are performed by them in the department.



Dorothy House, aid, and Karl Henderson, orderly, often assist a patient while he receives x-ray examination. For added protection against excessive radiation, all assistants wear lead aprons.

Dorothy House and Esther Alston are radiologic aides in Radiology. They ensure that the patient arrives on time for x-rays. Mrs. House and Mrs. Alston gain much valuable knowledge through job experience.



It takes a lot of linen! Dorothy House places linen in storage.

Film processing is Ms. Thelma Tyson's duty in the Radiology Department. As the darkroom technician, she maintains orderliness in the darkroom and proper supplies.



Thelma Tyson processes film with the automatic processor.

Ms. Ida Beaman keeps records of the Department's patients. She records and charges each patient for services rendered, files, and processes necessary data on each patient.



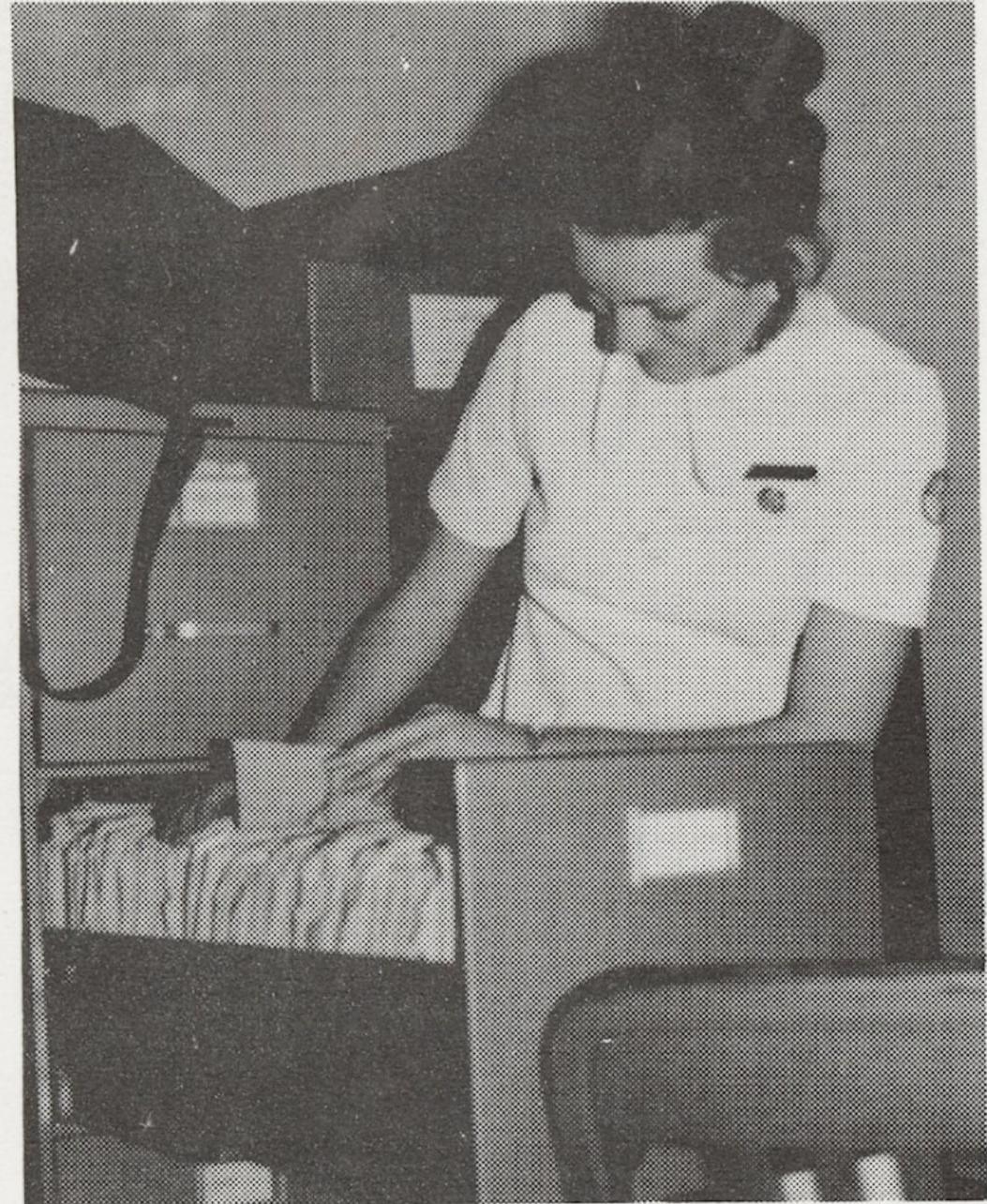
The beginning of another day--Ida Beaman, Radiology Department, starts the day by recording a patient in the log.

Working as Radiology Clerk-Secretaries in the Radiology Department, Mrs. Linda Hobbes and Ms. Brenda Naylor help Ms. Beaman in keeping records of the patients. They also type forms and correspondence for the department. Miss Shirley Coward is responsible for transcribing the major portion radiology reports on a daily basis. These reports are forwarded to the patient's attending physician.



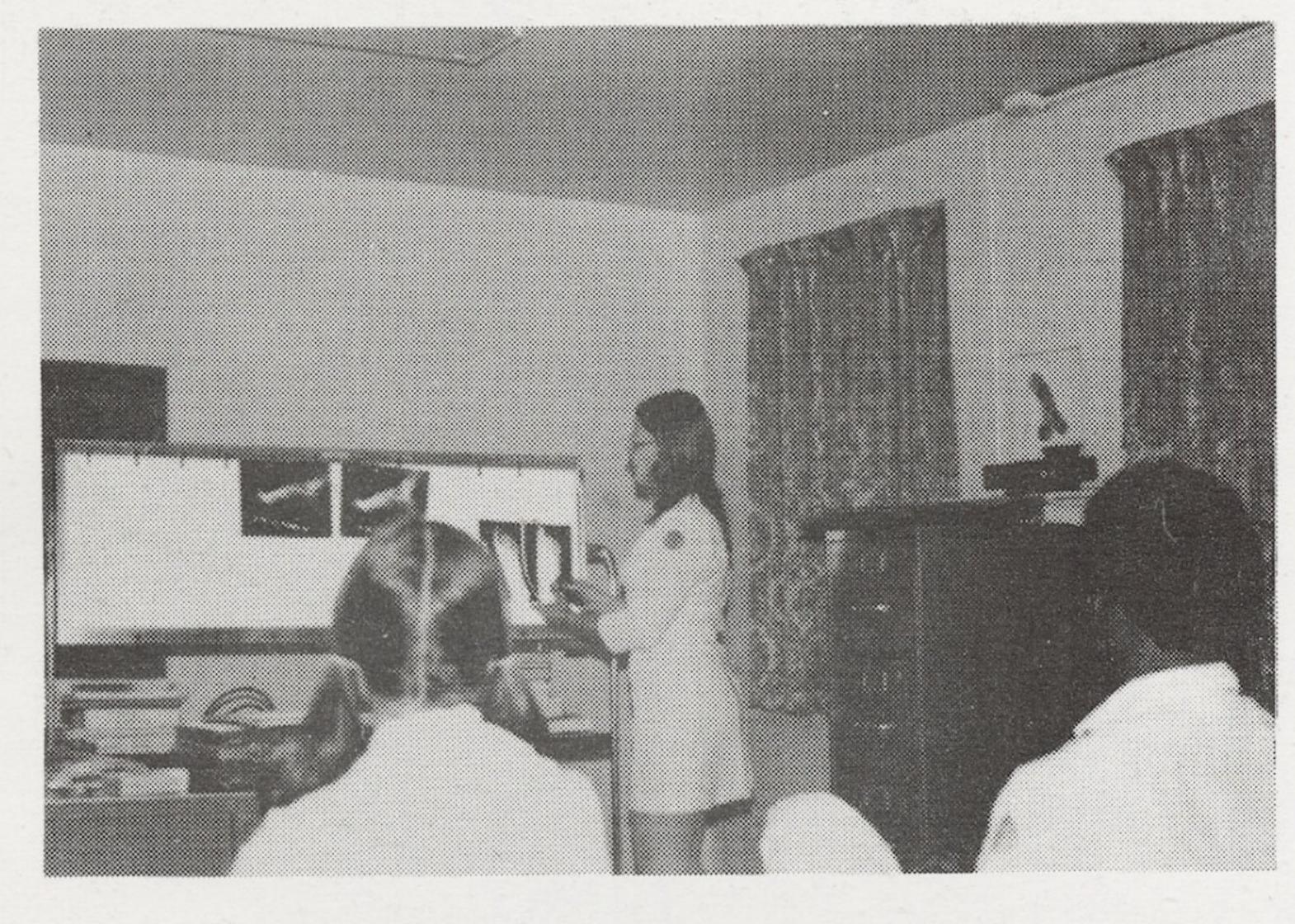
Row upon row of files greet Ida Beaman as she retrieves an x-ray folder for an attending physician.

## SITE OF FUTURE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

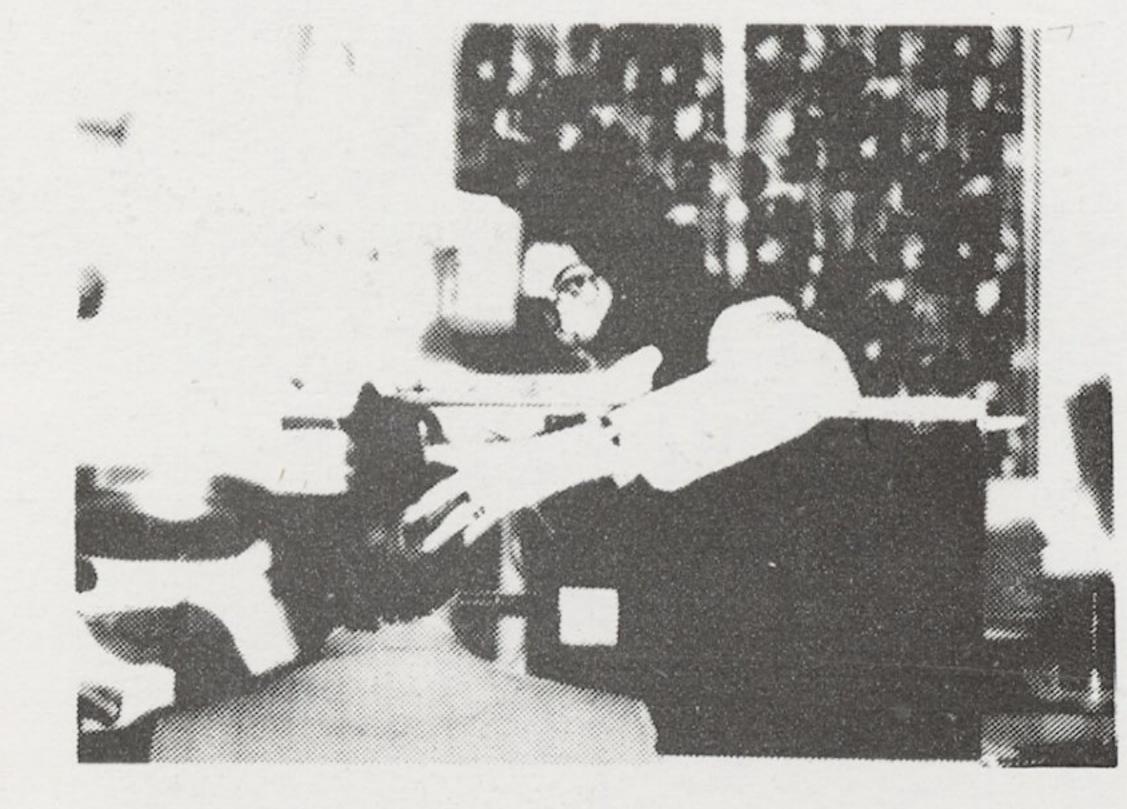


I know it's in here somewhere...Ms. Joanne Tuten retrieves a radiology report.

Radiology Department is unique in having the only training program based strictly within PCMH. This two-year training program in Radiologic Technology has a capacity of eight students. Dr. Allen Taylor is Medical Director of the program. Miss Harrison coordinates the program's activities with Mrs. Rivenbark's assistance. The curriculum is a blend of classroom and clinical experience in training for radiologic technologists. The students intain a forty hour week. Mrs. enbark is primarily responsible for their instruction.



Junior student Linda Gibson critiques an x-ray for the class. Students educationally criticize one another's radiographs to learn.



As a little harder to do an x-ray when it's your administrator's head! Students must learn the various maneuvers involved in operating a skull unit properly, as demonstrated by Ms. Yvonne Cooper, a senior student.

The entire technologist staff, including the student technologists, are urged to actively participate in their professional societies. The result of this participation has been witnessed in the past two years by the fact that individuals from PCMH's Radiology Department, primarily students, have won more honors statewide in essay and exhibit competition than any other single hospital in the state.

The Radiology Department operates quietly and efficiently within the walls of Pitt Memorial to provide continuing service to all patients. Through all of the personnel's efforts, better medical care for each patient is achieved. PCMH is made a more complete health care unit by the Radiology Department's continuing contribution to the enhancement of better patient care.

# PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS IN BUSINESS OFFICE

Faye Pressley was promoted from Secretary to Assistant Administrator, Financial Affairs to Business Office Supervisor.

Sandra Peaden was promoted from EDP Clerk to Secretary to Assistant Administrator, Financial Affairs.

Jean Hudson was transferred from Assistant Cashier to Medicare Insurance Clerk.

Linda Thompson was promoted from Switchboard Operator to Assistand Cashier.

#### YOU AND YOUR SUPERVISOR

You have the privilege and the right to deal directly with your supervisor regarding any aspect of your work. Don't ever hesitate to go to your supervisor with anything that is troubling you. He can help you over the rough spots.

The truth is, success in your job means as much to him as it does to you. He cannot really do a good job unless you do. The reason is simple. There is no difference in what you both are after. Your interests and the hospital's interests are the same. Once you see this it will be easy to understand the advantages and the rewards of loyal cooperation. The important point is that the hospital is interested in you as a person and wants to help you solve problems which affect your work here.

#### WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

The Woodmen of the World is a fraternal insurance society. Part of their fraternal work consists of free coverage to all their members for the following illnesses: \$3,000 for tuberculosis, \$1,000 for a brain tumor, \$1,000 for lung cancer, and \$1,000 for lukemia.

Another policy of The Woodmen is to furnish free wheelchairs and crutches to all members when needed.

They are second only to the federal government in the purchase of American flags. These flags are given away to churches, schools, Boy Scouts, bands, and hospitals.



Mr. Loran E. Norris, a field man, is pictured here presenting Mr. Jack Richardson with a 5 x 8 outdoors flag.



"Welcome to the rat race."

## WHO IS "THE HOSPITAL"?

How many times each day to we speak of "the hospital" almost as if it were a person?

'The hospital boundt a new x-ray machine.'

'The hospital hired another nurse.'
'The hospital put an alarm on the back door.'

'The hospital said Mary couldn't...'
Just whom are we talking about?
Supervisors? Well yes, they provide
on-the-job front line leadership. They
are responsible for seeing that work is
done on time, that the work load is
distributed evenly, that cost are kept
down. But strictly speaking can we call
them "The Hospital"?

How about executive management? The administrator and other executives carry a lot of authority because they must make overall plans and long range decisions concerning construction, equipment purchasing, budget allocations, debt retirement, personnel policies, etcetera, but can they be called 'the hospital' when they have to answer to the board of directors?

Is the Board of Trustees 'the hospital'? Their job is very important and they do set overall policy to be carried out by others-but that does not make them 'the hospital' any more than the school board is the educational system.

Who, then, owns 'the hospital'? The owners must run the show. But 'the hospital' is a nonprofit corporation, a big cooperative effort to provide quality medical care at the lowest cost possible.

How about you and me? We do the work, take care of the patients, wash the linen, fire the boilers, cook the food, process the supplies, bill the patients, and do all the other indispensable things that have to be done. But can we do our work alone, without the supervisors, the executives, the boards? They bring together the money, the buildings, the equipment, time and talent all working to provide a place to care for the patients who put life and meaning in the hospital.

'The hospital' is all of this and everybody in it. All the resources, capital, planning, leadership, talent and experience of everyone concernedthis whole voluntary partnership of diverse, individual talents IS 'the hospital'.

#### CHIP GRADUATES

Sixteen Pitt County Memorial Hospital employees recently completed a Carolinas Hospital Improvement Program Workshop taught by Al Miller, a member of the North Carolina University Extension faculty. This course, "Supervisory Communications", was a week-long course with fifteen classroom hours. The congratulations of the Hospital go to these supervisors. Completing the course were:

William Young--Respriatory Therapy Jacqueline Hardy--ER-OP Bessie McLamb--Operating Room Helen Abbott--Nursing Service Rita Durham--Nursing Service Julia Shaw--Intensive Care Agnes Kondracki--B-1 Faye Pressley--Administration Thomas Forrest--Housekeeping A.C. Whichard--Plant Operations Bettie Riggs--Dietary Dorothy Littleton--Dietary Gail Cherry--Medical Records Edward Hackett--Business Office Hattie Rogerson--Central Supply Grace Wallace--Radiology



The following are graduates of the CHIP course "Supervisory Communications": Ed Hackett, Dot Littleton, Ann Morris, Judy Shaw, Jackie Hardy, Bessie McLamb, Grace Wallace, Agnes Kondracki, Rita Durham, Helen Abbott, Faye Pressley, Al Miller, Instructor, and Tommy Forrest.

#### PHONE 333

For Charlie Roger or Fire

The hospital has installed one phone (No. 333) to be called in the event of a Charlie Roger or Fire disturbance within the hospital. This number is to be used only for recording Charlie Rogers or Fires and will provide immediate access to the switchboard operator.

#### WILDLIFER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Bill Young has been selected the Pitt County Wildlife Club as Wilfer of the Year 1973. This honor is given on a merit basis in recognition of club activity. Chosen by the president of the club, Mr. Young was awarded the plaque for 1973. Mr. Young acts as a Range officer in the Pitt County Wildlife Club. He is in charge of managing the competition shooting events. Mr. Young is to be congratulated on his honor and recognition in the club.

The Pitt County Wildlife Club meets every third Thursday of the month. It is a club promoting family activity as well as individual competition. Shooting and archery activities are held every Sunday. The major project of the club is a sixty-acre game refuge located between Falkland and Belvoir. No hunting is allowed in this refuge and nature walks and trails are provided for the public.

Most of the money used by the Wildlife Club is derived from membership dues. The club has maximum membership range of three hundred. It now has a membership of two hundred people.

#### DIETARY PROMOTIONS

PCMH is pleased to announce Joyce Barrett has been promoted to Cook, and Louise Short has taken her place as relief Cook in the Dietary Department. Congratulations go out to both of these ladies on their promotions.

#### COLD SEASON PITFALLS

The cold season is with us again. Medical science has promised us a cure for the so called "common cold". However, it may be some time before the discovery is made and these hints may help you to ward off this nuisance.

First, always get plenty of rest. A rundown condition is what a cold germ likes best.

Secondly, avoid sudden exposure to bad weather.

Third, always drink plenty of liquidate lit's all familiar common sense advibut following these simple rules can help prevent the unpleasantness, lost time, and inconvenience caused by colds.

# HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS BEGIN REGULAR WORSHIP(a) 01 (d) 6 (a) 7 (e) 3 (b) 2 (c) 3 (b) 4 (b) 6 (d) 6 (e) 6 (e) 7 (e) 6 (

eginning Sunday, February 3rd, volunteer chaplains who serve "on call" during the week, will also provide a worship service at 8:45 each Sunday.

The service is being offered for patients and their families and any hospital staff members who are free to attend. The worship will last for fifteen minutes to meet the needs of the patients without interference with the routine of the hospital.

The first floor lobby will serve as the setting to enable patients in wheelchairs to attend. The Chapel continues to remain open at all times but its size prohibits use for larger worship services.

The nursing supervisor will assist in the opening and introduce the chaplain, when she is available. Each service will include prayers, hymns, and a brief meditation by one of the chaplains. Everyone is encouraged to support this opportunity for corporate worship.

# NURSING SERVICE PROMOTION AT AND TRANSFER

Mrs. Judith Dai! has been promoted ead Nurse on B-2.

Mrs. Grace Arseneau has been transferred from Head Nurse on B-2 to Head Nurse on A-1. A-1 unit will become the Intensive Surgical Unit.

#### EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER CERTIFIED

We are pleased to announce that Tommy Forrest, Executive House-keeper, has completed the required class hours required for certification. Mr. Forrest has managed the department of Housekeeping for PCMH for about two years now. We congratulate him on his achievement.

#### MR. DAIL RECEIVES HONOR

Pitt County Memorial Hospital recently received notification that Mr. Walter Dail, Chief Engineer, had been selected to become a member of the American Society for Hospital Engise. The American Society is a alion of The American Hospital Association and is interested in promoting the profession of Hospital Engineering. The hospital offers its congratulations to Mr. Dail.

#### HEALTH CARE COSTS QUIZ

Everyone knows health care costs are rising, but are you aware of just how much these figures are increasing? Take this quiz to test your knowledge.

- In 1972, the average hospital bill\* in North Carolina was about:
   (a) \$450
   (b) \$515
   (c) \$625
- 2. The average length of stay in a North Carolina hospital\* today is about:
  - (a) 4.7 days (b) 5.5 days
  - (c) 6.6 days
- The number of people who go to the hospital each year\* is about:(a) 1 out of 2 (b) 1 out of 5
  - (c) 1 out of 10
- 4. The average daily charge for care in North Carolina hospitals in 1972, including room and ancillary cost\* was about:

(a) \$67 (b) \$77 (c) \$87

5. The average semiprivate room charge\* in North Carolina hospitals is about:

(a) \$35 (b) \$39 (c) \$51

- 6. The biggest expense in operating a hospital is:
  (a) payroll (b) equipment and supplies (c) building maintenance
- 7. Payroll costs make up what percentage of a hospital's operating expense:

(a) 30-40 per cent (b) 40-50 per cent (c) 60-70 per cent

- 8. The number of employees needed to operate the average 100-bed hospital is about:

  (a) 100 (b) 175 (c) 250
- 9. Over the past five years, average hospital charges\* in North Carolina have risen about:

(a) 40 per cent (b) 70 per cent

(c) 90 per cent

10. How much does it cost to have a baby in North Carolina (including hospital and doctor charges related to maternity care)\*:(a) \$750 (b) \$800 (c) \$900

\*Based on BCBSNC experience

#### Notes From the Dietary Department

#### by Dorothy Payton

Four new employees recently joined the Dietary Department staff. Lillian Manning is employed in diet personnel; Ora Powell works in the cafeteria; Danny Edwards works as a porter; and Willie House also works as a porter. A warm welcome is issued to these newcomers.

Wedding bells rang for Ms. Alfrancis Jenkins and Donald Reese on August 15, 1973. The staff offers its congratulation to the newlyweds.

Ms. Annie Roberson is back with us after a leave of absence due to illness. The Department is glad to see her return.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Walter F. Scheper, son-in-law of Mrs. Virginia Gladson. He has just completed his B.A. degree in Mathematics at East Carolina University.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Pitt County Memorial Hospital offers congratulations to the following persons who were promoted from Nurses Aide to Patient Care Technician upon the completion of a fourteen hour course of instruction:

Peggy Hammond
Luna Braxton
Emma Henderson
Pennina Darden
Dorothy Cayton
Annie Simpkins
CERTIFIED

Pitt County Memorial Hospital recently received notification from the Association of Operating Room Technicians that Debra Gurkins and Peggy E. Manning had successfully passed their AORT Certification Examination. This accomplishment qualifies them as Certified Operating Room Technicians. The Hospital offers its congratulations to these two.

#### PROMOTIONS

Shelton Dixon and Madeline Roy have been promoted as Supervisors of the Inhalation Theraphy and EKG Sections of the Respiratory Theraphy Department. Our congratulations go out to Mr. Dixon and Mrs. Roy on their recent promotions.

## SCENES OF PCMH'S CHRISTMAS



Mr. Gilstrap presents Miriam Pleasant and Dr. West presents Gina Pennell with gifts for helping in drawing employee names at the Christmas party.



A-3 was presented award for the best Christmas decorations.



Dr. West hands Jennie Bradley her hedge clippers.



Hospital employees anticipate the arrival of.....Santa Claus??



"Just what I needed", is this the expression on Mary Stocks's face as she receives a gift from Mr. Gilstrap?



Hospital employees await drawing of names.



Dr. West chats with Mary Pilgreen, Housekeeping Department and Louise Short, Dietary Department. Each of these ladies won a \$20 bill.



Our Christmas tree!!



Happiness is George W. Spain's name being drawn for the AM-FM digital clock radio.



Letha Smith, Business Office, water as John Watson, Ambulance Department, loads his plate with delicacies which the Dietary Department so expertly provided.



"Are you sure that my name wasn't called?"



"Well! I'm leaving."

## SERVICE PINS AWARDED

ne following people received service pins at the Hospital Christmas Party honoring their years of employment at Pitt County Memorial Hospital:

| Floye Russell Kathleen Which Moses Taylor Lena Daniels Jennie Leary Vera Smith Jessie Jones Hartman Tuck Hattie Rogers Margaret Joyn Joshua Rogers Bernaldine Jan Mary Duncan John Bradley Carroll Jarvis Helen Abbott Louise Dixon Mary J. Barbe Louise Phelps Bonnie Jackson | cer<br>on<br>ner<br>son<br>mes | 20<br>15<br>15<br>15<br>15<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>15<br>55 |
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| Annie Atkinso  | on                             | 5  |
| Bertha Counc   | il                             | 5  |
| Ethel Daniesl  |                                | 5  |
| Elnora Edwar   | ds                             | 5  |
| James King   |                                | 5  |
| Mary Pilgreen  |                                | 5  |
| Sam King   |                                | 5  |
| John Hudson  |                                | 5  |
| Retha Harris   |                                | 5  |
| John Watson  |                                | 5  |
| Mary Spell   |                                | 5  |
| William Youn   |                                | 5  |
| Annie Simpki   |                                | 5  |
| Mary Burroug   |                                | 5  |
| Pennina Dard   |                                | 5  |
| Gertrude Scu   |                                | 5  |
| Grace Arsene   |                                | 5  |
| Marcia Ashwo   | orth                           | 5  |
| Jean Langley   |                                | 5  |
| Mable Powell   |                                |  |
| Huldah Warre   |                                | 5  |
| Sadie William  |                                | 5  |
| Nancy Hudso  |                                | 5  |
| Judy Page  |                                | 5  |
| Jane Bond  |                                | 5  |
| Mable McClur   |                                | 5  |
| Parolyn Suggs<br>orothy Yost   |                                | 5  |
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#### ACCIDENT STATISTICS

105

| Year: 1972 |  | 2 197 | 1973 |  |
|------------|--|-------|------|--|
|            |  |       |      |  |

Total Accidents



Mr. Gilstrap, Master of Ceremonies for the 1973 Christmas party at PCMH, presents a 20-Year Service Pin to Mrs. Russell, Dietary Department.



Carroll Jarvis, John Bradley, Bernadine James, Mary Duncan, Hattie Rogerson and J. B. Rogerson received their 10-Year Service Pins.



Mr. Gilstrap presents Five-Year Service pins to thirty-five dedicated hospital employees.

#### BECKY JONES PROMOTED

Pitt County Memorial Hospital is Medical Staff Administration of September 29. Congratulations go out to Mrs. Jones on her promotion.



Mr. Richardson congratulates Cathleen Whichard, Jennie Leary, Leona Daniels, and Moses Taylor on their reception of 15-Years Service Pins.



Mr. Richardson shows a model of the new hospital to Mr. Richard Petty. Mr. Petty, a race car celebrity, visited the Children's Ward at Christmas and handed out signatures.

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#### HOSPITAL BASKETBALL TEAM

Pitt County Memorial Hospital placed a team in the City Recreation Department Industrial League for the 1973-74 season. This is the first time that the hospital has sponsored a team and it is felt that its first venture was successful. Ten different people particpated for the team and as many as forty hospital employees attended as spectators. The team finished the season with seven wins and nine losses and advanced to the second round of the playoffs. It was felt that a great deal of experience was gained this year and that next year the hospital's team will be much more successful. Participating for the team at one time or another were:

Clarence Taft
Danny Edwards
Bobby Barrett
Johnny Maye
Leonard Barefoot
Karl Henderson

Cecil Edwards
Bobby Wooten
Jerry Ebron
Rick Gilstrap
Charles Clemons
Bartley Bay

Danny Edwards and Clarence Taft were the leading scorers for the year.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES

Social Security benefits are going up by a total of 11% in 1974; up 7% in April and another 4% in July. The tax rate of 5.85% remains unchanged. However, the taxable wage base increased from \$10,800 in 1973 to \$13,200 in 1974. For each dollar of Social Security tax you pay, the hospital as your employer pays an equal amount.

#### PROMOTIONS

Pitt County Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce promotions from Nurses Aide to Patient Care Technician for the following:

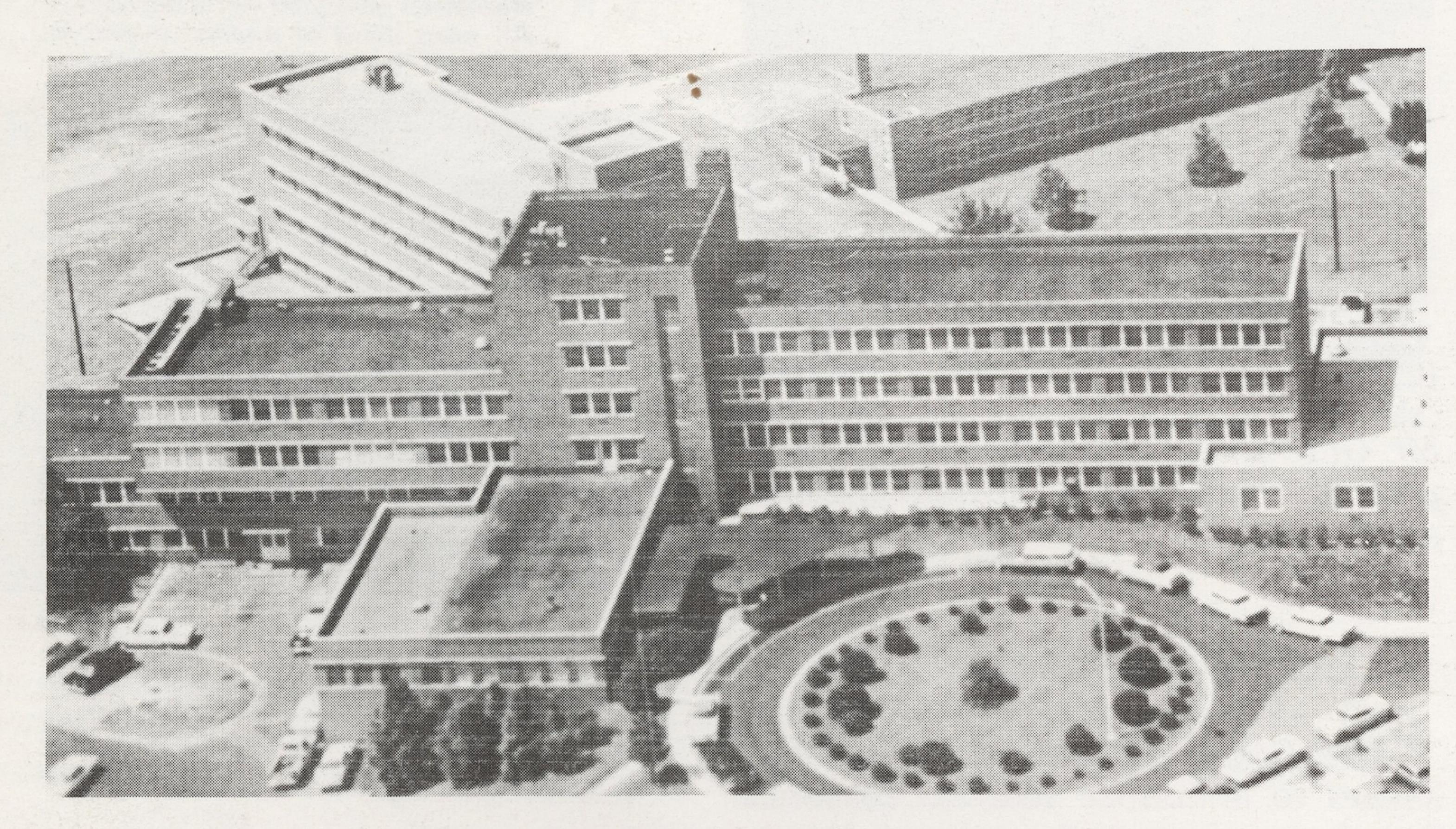
Alice Baker
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Mary Cox
Saide Williams
Mary Burroughs
Doris Lacy

#### PCMH SPONSORS LADIES SOFTBALL TEAM

Pitt County Memorial Hospital All sponsor a softball team in the City Recreation Department Ladies League during the Spring. The initial response has been very large with many persons indicating an interest in playing. Most of the games will be played at Guy Smith Field and the players would like for as many employees and friends to come out to see their action as possible.

#### HOSPITAL BEGINS LIBRARY SERVICE

On March 26, 1974, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and Sheppard Memorial Library began a cooperative effort to provide library services to hospital patients. Several times each week, a city librarian will visit the hospital and tour the various patient areas with a library cart with books. These books will be loaned to hospital patients for their use while hospitalized. The hospital patient should benefit through this cooperative effort between ecity library and PCMH.



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