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Gov. Hunt Dedicates New Hospital

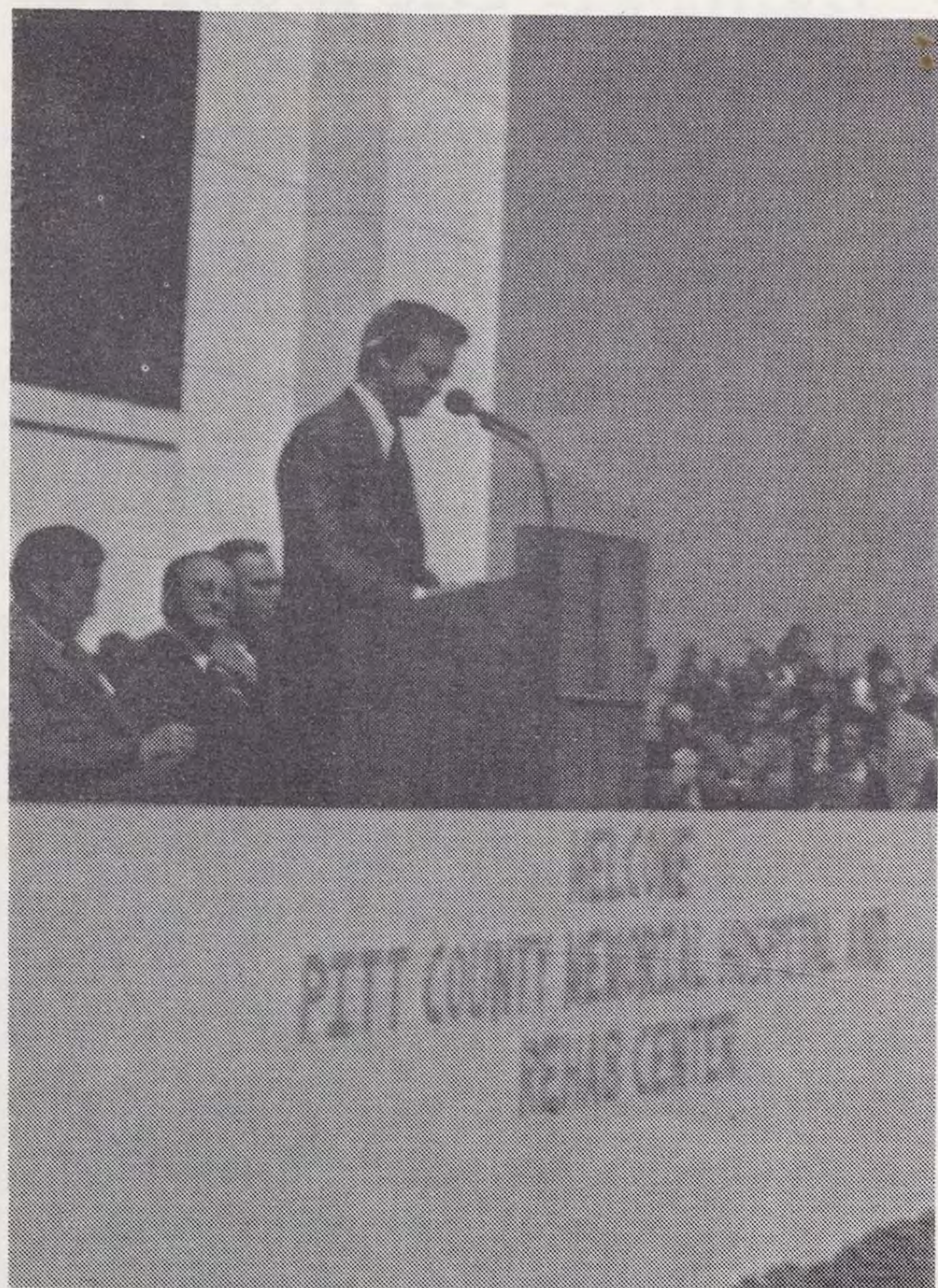
Gov. James Hunt praised the vision and hard work of those responsible for the financing, planning and construction of the new PCMH in a speech delivered at the dedication ceremonies of the new PCMH held March 26.

Hunt noted that when the first publicly owned hospital in Pitt Co. opened 26 years ago, the late Kenneth Royall of Goldsboro, in his address for the occasion, called it "the newest and most modern hospital in Eastern North Carolina."

"But times change. Needs increase and became more complex, more pressing," said Hunt.

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Gov. James Hunt

"What was new and modern then became obsolete more than a decade ago," said Hunt.

Around 1967, the need for a new Pitt Memorial became apparent when the 70 beds added to the 130-bed hospital became insufficient.

According to Dr. Jack Welch, chief of the medical staff, the number of treatments and admissions had increased from 4,500 in 1950 to 7,500 in 1961, to the present figure of more than 11,000 per year. The staff now numbers 114, as opposed to 24 in 1951 and 34 in 1961.

Hunt, Welch, and all the other speakers dwelt on PCMH's role as a regional health center and as a teaching hospital, through its affiliation with the ECU School of medicine.

Dr. William Laupus represented ECU on the podium, calling attention to the 50,000 square feet of teaching space that has been added to the front of the building.

Laupus described the architect's adaptation of the front facade as a near miracle, since it is "an even more beautiful front" than the original PCMH.

Gov. Hunt called the university-hospital affiliation "a happy marriage." He said that the affiliation agreement that protects the rights of Pitt Co. and its practicing physicians, while clearly meeting the teaching needs of the medical school, is viewed nationally as a model agreement.

The result of "this happy marriage," he said is that "what was designed originally as a \$16 million community hospital is now a comprehensive sophisticated



(L-R) Wilton R. Duke and Woodrow W. Wooten, past chairmen of the Trustee Board, cut the ribbon.

new medical center approaching a total cost of more than \$23 million."

He drew applause when he said, "With the help of your legislators — Horton Rountree, Sam Bundy, Vernon White and Julian Allsbrook — and others who have worked with me, with Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, and with Speaker Carl Stewart, I can assure you that the General Assembly will re-appropriate the \$3.82 million needed for an additional bed tower."

County Commissioners Chairman Charles P. Gaskins welcomed guests and Hospital Director Jack Richardson introduced them.

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Smooth Move From Old PCMH

The move of 103 patients from the old PCMH to the new one Saturday, April 30 went smoothly, according to Jack Richardson, hospital director.

"As far as I'm concerned, it went beautifully," Richardson said.

"The uniqueness of the whole group - doctors, nurses, students, everyone - was great. It was just one effort together."

Richardson said he was pleased

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According to Richardson, special guests included past and present county commissioners; trustees; representatives of both ECU and the University of North Carolina, the hospital staff and employees; and numerous senators and representatives from throughout the East.

American Legion Post 39 raised the American and the North Carolina flags on the staff in front of the new hospital for the first time. The entire assembly saluted the flags as they rose, to the accompaniment of the national anthem, played by the ECU Wind Ensemble.

The Rev. Willis Wilson of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church gave the invocation and the Rev. Clarence Gray of Triumph Missionary Baptist Church delivered the benediction.

Beverly L. Freeman, of Freeman-White Associates, the Charlotte firm which designed the hospital complex, presented the keys to Commissioner Gaskins, who passed them on to Kenneth Dews, chairman of the Hospital Trustees.

Freeman likened the event to giving one's only daughter in marriage, after having experienced the birth and maturation of the new hospital.

Wilton R. Duke and Woodrow W. Wooten, past chairmen of the Trustee Board, performed the ribbon cutting ceremonies which preceded the beginning of tours of the facility.

to have been a part of it.

"The two hours and 52 minutes it took to move the patients was the most beautiful part. We had been told by others who have been involved in patient moves that the actual move would be the smoothest."

Richardson added that they had been doing research off and on for three years about patient moves.

"It certainly paid off. When the patients were moved, everybody concentrated fully."

Richardson also said the community involvement was great.

"We asked that the visitors not visit on moving day, and they were very cooperative."

Jean Owens, administrator for nursing and in charge of the patient move, said the move went "fantastically well."

"I don't believe you'll find anybody who thinks it didn't go well," said Owens.

"I don't think anything could've been better. I wouldn't have changed a thing."

"That's a pretty good record," Owens said of the time it took to move the patients.

"I think everybody at PCMH can be proud of that move."

"The greatest one to thank is Jim Merrill, who coordinated all of it," said Owens.

A student at Duke University, Merrill is the one who made the

smooth move possible, according to Owens.

"The credit really goes to him for putting it all together," said Owens.



Jenette Artis, first delivery at the new PCMH, with her mother.

EARLY START

Hospital staff began moving equipment about 5 a.m.

The first patient, Venetia Webster, was admitted around 7 a.m.

The move of the 103 patients only took a short time, and the last patient, Henry Cunningham, was admitted about 10 a.m.

The first ER patient, James Smith, was admitted around 8:15 or 8:30 a.m. Smith was also the first x-ray patient about 9:45 a.m.

The first baby born was a girl, Jenette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Artis of Winterville.

Jenette was born at 3:44 p.m. Saturday.



These unidentified workers are busy moving.



Glenn Hardee and Jack Richardson greet one of the first patients on moving day.

RNs Baker and Smith: Many Memories of PCMH

It was rather sad leaving the old PCMH for Vera Smith and Mabel Baker, two PCMH R.N.s, who have been nurses for approximately 25 years.

Smith and Baker who were in training together, moved to the then "new" PCMH from the old Pitt County General Hospital in 1951.

Both had mixed feelings concerning the recent move to the new PCMH.

"I hated to part with the old hospital, even though the new facilities are here," said Smith.

Both were sad to leave the old building, but they were excited about the new one.

"The old facility has outgrown its purpose, and we know that the new facility is necessary with the growth of the community," said Smith.

On moving day in 1951, there was no confusion. They began moving patients about 8 a.m. and finished with pediatric patients about 4:30 p.m.

Everything moved more quickly on the move to the new PCMH, they agreed.

This move was better organized due to long range planning and patients were moved more quickly, they said.

Smith said they had been more excited with moving from the old Pitt County General to the first PCMH because the old building



(L-R) RNs Baker and Smith making second move to PCMH.

was in worse condition than the old PCMH.

"Patients didn't have any privacy whatsoever," said Baker.

"The old PCMH really seemed newer," said Smith. "Patients were even in the basement at the old hospital (General).

Concerning the new equipment, they said that nothing seems complicated, and they feel that patients are better taken care of.

"They're being better monitored with the new equipment," said Smith.

"It's fantastic," said Baker. "Health care has expanded so much."

Smith said, summing up their feelings, "there were a lot of changes from the first old hospital to the old one," Smith said, "and a lot of changes from the old one to the new one."

In Memoriam: Albert Foust, Jr.

Albert Foust, Jr., a Male Attendant in the Operating Room, died May 27 following a brief illness.

Foust was born in Greenville in November, 1919. Reared in Greenville, he attended the City Schools.

In February, 1942, he was inducted into the U. S. Army, serving in the Pacific during World War II.

While in the Army, he was awarded a bronze service star, a campaign medal, an Asiatic-Pacific Theater medal, a good conduct medal, the Philippines Liberty Ribbon, and the Victory medal.

In 1947, he married Mrs. Minnie Anderson. The couple recently celebrated their 30th wedding

anniversary.

Foust was very active in the Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Church, where he served as a Deacon and Vice President of the Senior Choir.

He became affiliated with PCMH in January, 1960, where he worked for the remaining 17 years of his life.

Foust was described as likeable, friendly, congenial, and well liked by all who knew him.

One comment overheard at his funeral was that he "lived and walked with a smile."

At the June meeting of the PCMH Board of Trustees, a resolution of sympathy for Foust was approved, commending him for "his faithful dedication to his

duties as male attendant."

The resolution further described Foust as a valued and conscientious employee.

"Albert Foust, Jr., demonstrated an exceptional quality of human understanding and good cheer that was conveyed to all he met," it said.

Foust is survived by his wife, three stepchildren, three siblings, one half sister, one aunt, 13 step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren.

Norris Honored

William Daniel Norris, of 1305 Evergreen Drive, has been elected vice president of Basilean Literary Society at Bob Jones University.

Norris, a 1974 graduate of J. H. Rose High School, is the son of Mr. Loran E. Norris, who works in the PCMH stockroom. Norris is a junior majoring in radio and television.

Two New Ambulances Added to PCMH Fleet

PCMH has recently acquired two new ambulances at a cost of approximately \$18,646 each, according to Ambulance Director John Watson.

"The first of these ambulances, which was delivered last February, was paid for by Pitt County. The other, received in July, was paid for by Pitt County and matching state and federal funds," Watson said.

The vehicles are on a Chevrolet chassis, but the patient compartment is a module that can be transferred to another chassis.

"This is an economical method of replacing worn out ambulances without buying a new vehicle,"

Another feature of the ambulances is a large patient compartment, allowing more room for equipment and personnel.

Plexiglass cabinets inside the ambulance insure easy access to emergency equipment.

Watson said the new ambulances had five times the oxygen capacity of older ambulances.



These new ambulances feature a transferable patient compartment.

A two-way radio system connects the driver with PCMH, and through a dispatcher, to all hospitals in the state.

"These new ambulances are equipped to handle standard emergencies. They are not equipped for cardiac monitoring because paramedics in this county

are not authorized to perform that task," said Watson.

Watson said some initial problems with a rough ride and vibration from the rear wheels is almost solved.

These new additions bring the total ambulance fleet to four vehicles.

Equipment Sale Huge Success

A sale of used hospital equipment held June 24 and 25 netted \$3,369.35, according to Buck Sitterson, Administrator of Fiscal Affairs.

"The items sold were items that could not be used in the new facility, such as bedside lamps, beside tables, and beside cabinets with large mirrors. These are now built in," Sitterson said.

"Most were too large and bulky to move," added Sitterson.

Sitterson said that some pieces, such as part of the old waiting room furniture, dated from the opening of the old PCMH 25 years ago.

Earnings generated from the sale were put into the General Operating Fund.

Most items were bought by the general public, although the Pitt County Volunteer Fire Departments were given a one day head start to buy equipment for their units.

Sitterson said that all the items

were sold, and described the method of pricing.

"The sale items were appraised by an impartial appraiser not affiliated with the hospital. The decision was made to have the goods appraised rather than auctioned because of the need to move everything outside to be auctioned, the cost of labor in moving the goods outside, the auctioneer's fee, etc., Sitterson said.

"The committee in charge of the sale felt that two days would give the public ample opportunity to purchase the equipment," Sitterson added.

The persons responsible for organizing and carrying out the sale were members of a committee of the Board of Trustees.

This committee was composed of Glenn Hardee, chairperson, Buck Sitterson, Ottis Stokes, William Francis Tyson, and Dan Wooten.



(L-R) Chairman of the County Commissioners Charles Gaskins and Administrator of Fiscal Affairs Buck Sitterson help out with the successful equipment sale.

BOMB THREAT PLAN

In response to the current trend of bomb threats directed at public facilities, PCMH Safety Officer John Watson has outlined official policy regarding what action should be taken upon receipt of a bomb threat.

These procedures are reprinted below. In the event of a bomb threat, adherence to this guideline should insure the safety of all persons in the building.

BOMB THREAT PROCEDURES

When a phone call or message threatening the existence of a bomb in the building is received:

- 1.) Note time of call and exact words of caller, male or female, and prolong the conversation as long as possible.
- 2.) Be alert for distinguishing noises, such as music, buses, aircraft, etc.
- 3.) Note distinguishing voice characteristics, such as a foreign or regional accent.
- 4.) Ask where and when the bomb is set to explode, and what type of bomb it is.
- 5.) Note if the caller indicates knowledge of the hospital by his description of locations.
- 6.) Do not hang up the phone. Leave the line open for tracing the call.
- 7.) Ask why the caller is doing this.

Notify Administration or the Administrator on call, then police, then the fire department.

After the basic details are provided by the recipient of the call, the Hospital Director or his designate should make all necessary decisions, issue orders and prepare for the arrival of assistance.

Professional assistance should be put in complete authority upon arrival. Cooperation with the

police and others involved is very important. Key hospital personnel should be available, along with floor plans of the hospital.

The Hospital Director must depend upon his key personnel and the equipment immediately available because they are familiar with the floor plan. Hospital personnel should assist law officers.

The building should be divided into appropriate sections, (similar to the fire zones), and various employees familiar with the areas will be designated for search in each area.

These selected personnel should be trained to search for any isolated, suspicious objects.

Persons who work in these various areas should be assigned this responsibility as they are familiar with the normal activities and equipment.

Good housekeeping is a must. All packages and boxing material should be put in their place.

Nothing should be cluttered about the hospital.

When a search must be conducted by hospital personnel totally, public areas such as lobby, gift shop and cafeteria should be thoroughly inspected.

Other areas to be considered include telephone booths, waiting rooms, public toilets, stairwells and storerooms.

The search of the hospital should be thorough, eliminating those areas which are locked and unavailable to the public.

If the caller indicates an area in which the bomb is located, this area should receive immediate attention.

Tight security must be maintained on each area searched until the entire search is completed.

Elevators should be available at all times.

If what appears to be a bomb is found, do not touch it.

Clear the area of all persons and obtain professional assistance. Also, try to isolate the ob-

ject as much as possible by closing doors and sand bagging the area. Open windows in the area to reduce effect of the explosion, should one occur.

Call the Bomb Disposal Unit at 756-4755 or 756-7466 (nights).

Generally, personnel should remain calm and alert. They should be properly trained so that patients will not become alarmed.

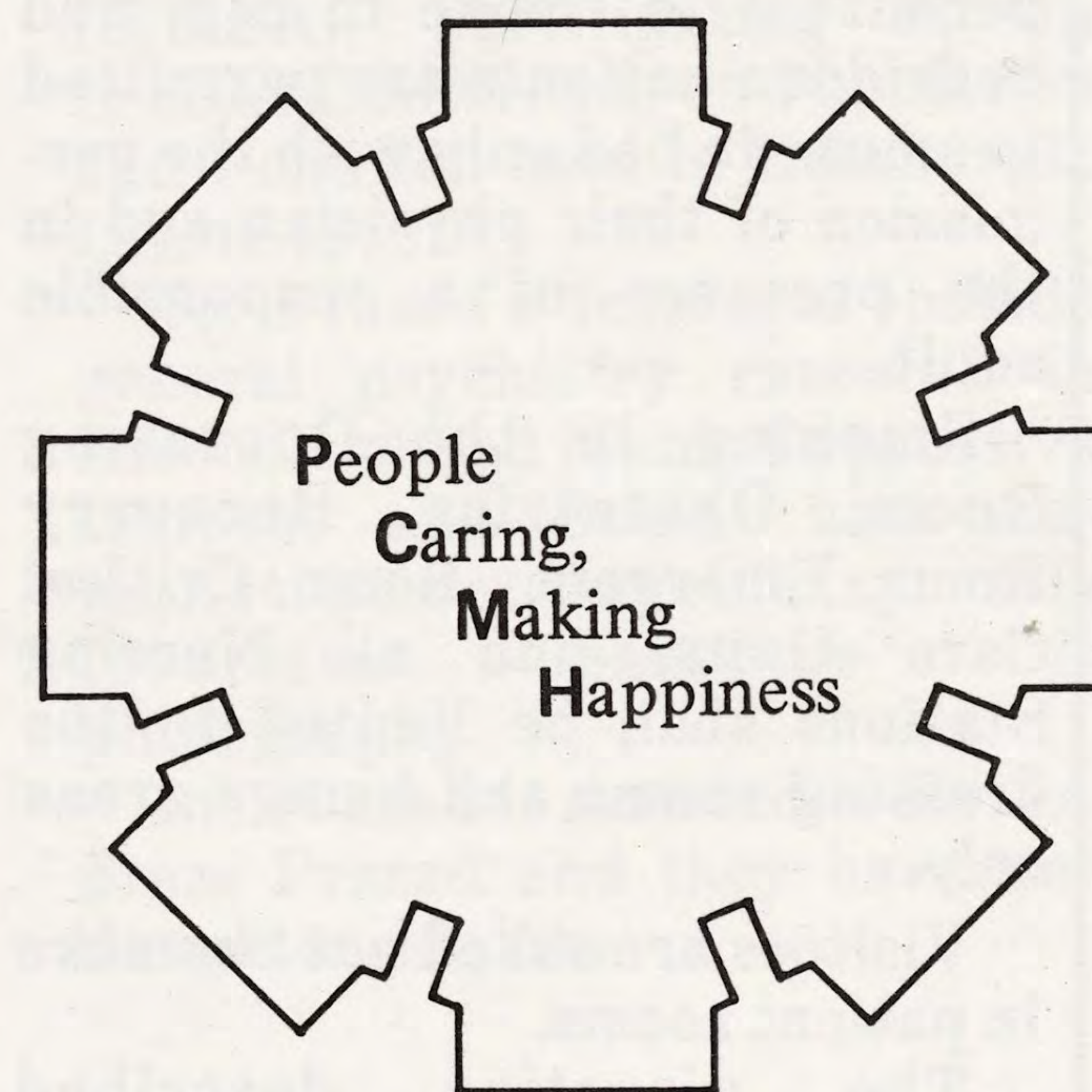
Personnel should notify the Director promptly of significant developments and should not divulge to the patients that a bomb threat has been received.

In the event patients do learn of the bomb threat, they should be reassured that all is well.

If evacuation becomes necessary, it is suggested that this be a joint decision of the Hospital Director and the Chief of the Medical Staff.

Each Department Manager should report to the Hospital Director, or his designate, immediately after a thorough search of his area has been completed, indicating the results of this search.

Key personnel should prepare a written comprehensive report outlining any difficulties encountered during the incident. These reports should be used to update or revise existing bomb threat procedures and training.



Germ Lady Hard at Work

Sara Burnish, a new member of the PCMH staff, is an environmental surveillance specialist.

Burnish was previously employed at the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, N.C.

At various times, she held three positions there: staff nurse, director of nursing, and director of inservice education.

Burnish has worked with infection control for the last two years.

"It's fantastic," she said of her work at PCMH.

"It's very interesting, and it keeps me busy."

Burnish has a degree in nursing from UNC-Chapel Hill, and has also worked in obstetrics and has taught nursing.



Sara Burnish displays her motto on her lab coat: "Wash your hands!"

Burnish, who began work here April 4, 1977, was able to become familiar with the new PCMH before the move.

"By the time the patients came, I was able to help others when they were lost."

New Smoking Rules

Hospital Director Jack Richardson recently announced the adoption of new rules governing smoking on the premises of PCMH.

These regulations prohibit smoking in hospital corridors, stairwells, elevators, and combustible storage areas.

Ambulatory patients are not permitted to smoke in bed, and bedridden patients are permitted to smoke in bed only with the permission of their physician and in the presence of a responsible adult.

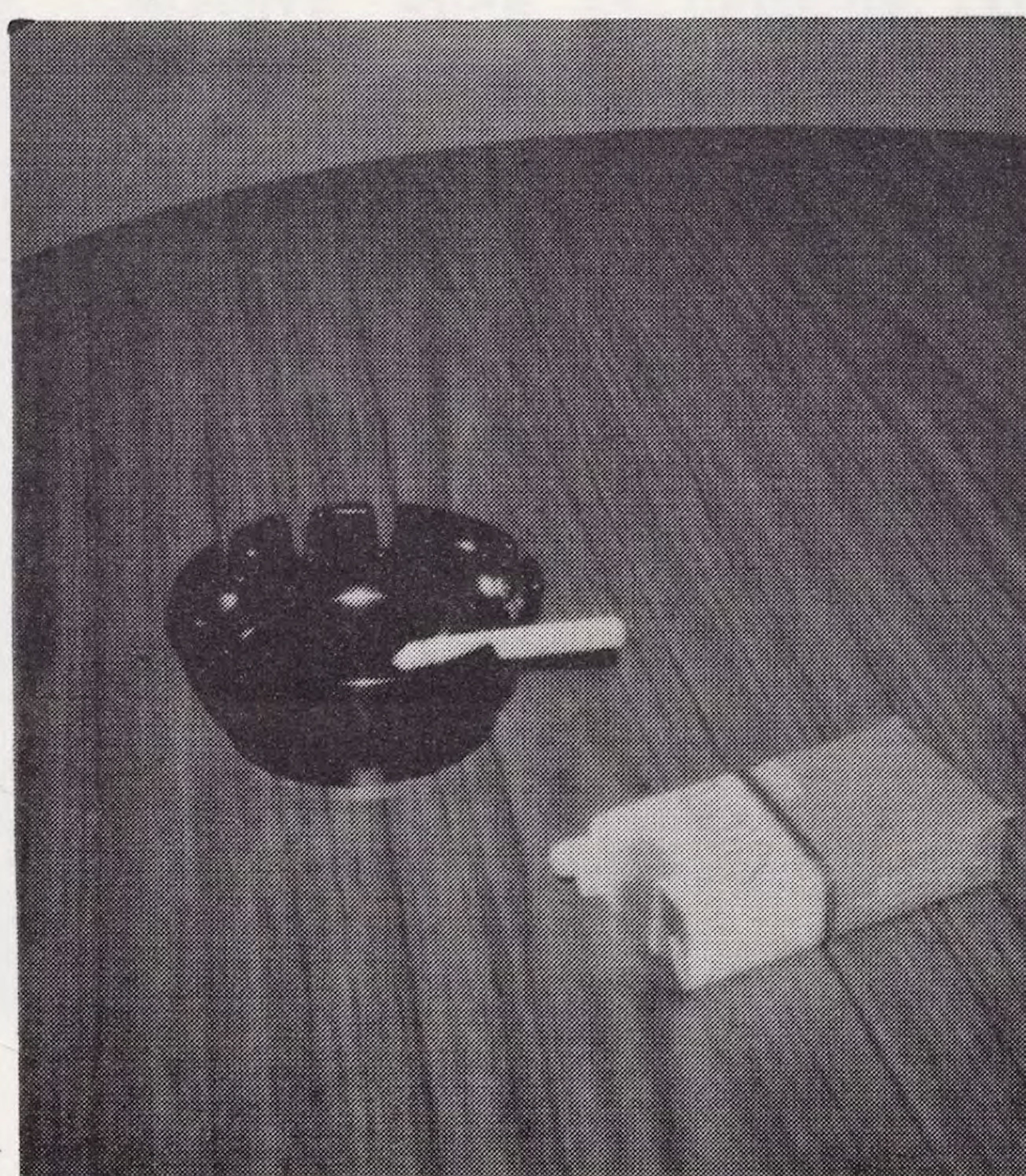
Smoking in the Operating Room, Obstetrics, Recovery Room, Emergency Room, Critical Care Units, and all Nursing Stations shall be limited to the dressing rooms and lounge areas only.

Visitors are asked not to smoke in patient rooms.

The directive described smoking as a "fire and health

hazard," and confined the sale of smoking materials and related supplies to the Hospitality Shop.

Also included in the new rules was the requirement that wastebaskets not be used as ash trays and that they be constructed of non-combustible material.



A vanishing sight at PCMH.

Tanner Attends Governor's Reception

Ruby Tanner, a PCMH volunteer for approximately two years, attended a reception in Raleigh given by Gov. James B. Hunt and the office of Citizen Affairs Friday, April 29.

Tanner, who was nominated the outstanding volunteer at PCMH, was accompanied by Mary McPherson, Director of Volunteer Services.

A reception is held annually for those nominated from different fields, and one nominee is selected from each category, group, youth, senior citizen, and adult, to be the Volunteer of the Year for the state.

Tanner has been a volunteer since April, 1975, and is very dependable, according to McPherson.

"She has always been willing to do anything they asked her to. They knew they could depend on her," said McPherson.

Tanner has helped train new volunteers, and recently helped at the open house, the dedication, and the patient move.



Volunteer Ruby Tanner was one of the guests at a reception held by the governor.

Welcome New Doctors

The following doctors have joined the PCMH staff in the last six months. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to these new members of the PCMH team.



Dr. James Mathis

Dr. James Mathis, a native of Dayton, Tenn., is the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at ECU.

He attended The Citadel, and the University of Missouri before receiving his M.D. degree from the St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1949.

Dr. Mathis has led a distinguished career, serving as Chairman of the Dept. of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Virginia, and as an Assoc. Professor of Psychiatry at Rutgers Medical School and the University of Oklahoma.

He was an instructor in psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma and the Assistant Chief of Psychiatry at the V.A. Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dr. Mathis is a member of eight professional societies and has been a Fellow of both the American Psychiatric Assoc., and the American College of Psychiatrists.

He is a member of Alpha

Omega Alpha, medical honor society, and has received five special teaching awards.

Dr. Mathis has served on a number of committees and has acted as a consultant to the Peace Corps in Latin America, the Job Corps, and the Tibetan Government in Exile. He is listed in Who's Who in North America and Personalities of the South.

He has written or co-written more than 50 articles, which have appeared in professional journals, and ten books.

Dr. Mathis is married and has five children.

Although Dr. Howard Dawkins was born in Louisville, Kentucky, he grew up in Eastern North Carolina and graduated from the high school in Kinston.

Dawkins earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Wake Forest, and his M.D. degree at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Dawkins interned at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville and completed his residency in surgery there and at Bowman Gray.

According to Dawkins, the "wide spectrum from reconstructive to aesthetic surgery" was the main factor which attracted him to the field of plastic surgery.

One of Dawkins' exhibits, Familial Polyposis Coli, presented at the Southern Medical Association Exhibit in Atlanta, 1974, and at the Southeastern Surgical Congress Exhibit, also in Atlanta, 1975, received the First Prize award.

Dawkins enjoys tennis, along with occasional sessions of bridge and golf.

Dawkins is married to Annette Williams and they have two children.

Dr. Ponnappa Sanjeeva Prasad, a native of India, attended Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, India, before coming to the U.S.

He did his residency at Binghamton Psychiatric Institute, and John Umstead Hospital in Butner, NC (affiliated with UNC Chapel Hill). He also took a graduate course in Mental Retardation sponsored by the Harvard Medical School, studied Administrative Psychiatry under the direction of Dr. Zarzar, State of NC Commissioner of Mental Health.

He is presently enrolled in the Administrative Services Program at ECU.

Prasad assumed his duties as Clinical Director of the Walter B. Jones Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in January of 1976, where he is conducting research in the "Deinstitutionalization or Reintegration into the Community," (Where the future emphasis should be regarding chronic psychiatric patients).

He is a member of the Indian Medical Students Association and served as President in West Berlin in 1970. He also belongs to the International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA), participating in an IFMSA Conference on Population and Pollution held in Edinburgh, UK, in 1972.

Dr. Prasad's interests include general psychiatry research in Alcoholism and Manic Depressive Illness, and Social and Administrative Psychiatry. His favorite pasttime is photography.

Dr. Prasad is married to Dr. Indrani Prasad and they have one daughter, Mahita.

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Dr. Eugene Furth is a native of Philadelphia and received his undergraduate training from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Furth received further education at Cornell University Medical College, New York, from which he graduated in 1954.

Furth underwent postdoctoral training at the New York Hospital, (Cornell University Medical Center,) with additional training in endocrinology under a USPHS Research Fellowship.

Furth served as Assistant Director of the Radioisotope Laboratory of the New York Hospital until 1967.

Furth has taught at the Radioisotope Laboratory of the New York Hospital and at the Albany Medical College. He has served as Associate Chairman of the Department of Medicine and, later, as Acting Chairman of the Department of Medicine of the Albany Medical College.

Furth is a member of the American Thyroid Association, the Endocrine Society, the American Federation for Clinical Research, the New York Academy of Sciences, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Furth is also a Faculty member of Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society, and a Fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

Furth is married with two children, David, age 21, and Anne, age 18.

Furth moved to Greenville in order "to serve as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the new ECU School of Medicine."

Furth's pastimes include boating and fishing, along with excursions on his sailboat at Washington.

Dr. Ernest Larkin is a native of Eastern North Carolina, growing up in Greenville and Washington.

Larkin attended Davidson College and received his medical training from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond.

Larkin continued on at the Medical College to complete his internship in pathology.

Following his internship, Larkin served in Germany with the Army for two years, later returning to the Medical College to finish his residency in pathology.

During his residency, Larkin was awarded an American Cancer Society Fellowship for one year.

Larkin's leisure activities include tennis, boating, fishing, and photography.

Larkin is married and is the father of a two year old son, Jeff.

Dr. Robert Nenno was born in Buffalo, New York, and attended the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana, and Loyola University in Chicago.

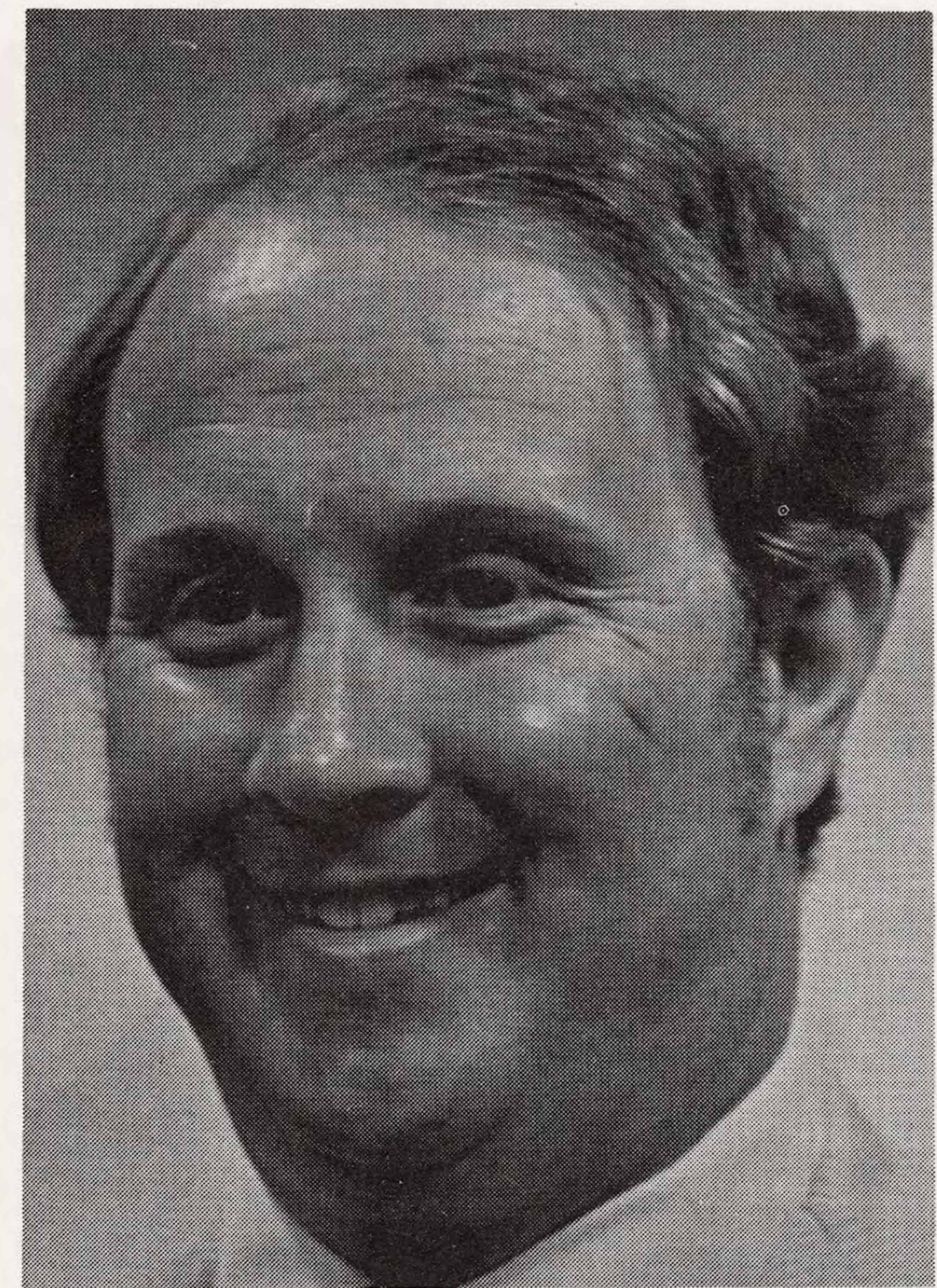
Nenno served in the Navy for two years, eventually attaining the rank of Lt. J.G.

Nenno has taught at several institutions, including Georgetown University, Rutgers University, the New Jersey Medical School, and ECU, before accepting his present position as Medical Director of the Pitt County Mental Health Center.

Nenno is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a member of the Academy of Psychoanalysis, and the American Association of University Professors.

In 1963, Nenno became a Fellow in Psychiatry of the World Health Organization: Western Europe. He is also listed in Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in America.

Nenno is married to Mary Catherine Stasson and they have four children.



Dr. James Galloway, Jr.

Dr. James Galloway Jr. was born and reared here in Greenville and attended ECU before going to Bowman Gray to complete his medical training.

While at ECU, Galloway was a member of Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity and Chi Beta Phi Honorary Scientific Fraternity.

Galloway's specialty is family practice, and he fulfilled his residency in Greenville, South Carolina from 1974-1977.

According to Galloway, the medical community and new four year medical school were among the attractions of the Greenville area.

"I was also impressed that Greenville is under the process of developing a family practice residency.

"Finally, since I was born and reared here, I was anxious to return to my home area," said Galloway.

Galloway is married and is the father of two children, Robyn, age three, and Susan, age one.

Dr. John Hale was raised in Boyne City, a small town in northern Michigan with a population of approximately 4,300.

Hale received his Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, staying on to complete medical school, graduating in 1970.

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After interning at Detroit General Hospital, Hale continued with a surgical residency at Wayne State University affiliated hospitals.

Hale is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary Medical Society and received the surgical award upon graduation.

Hale chose to specialize in general and vascular surgery because of "the diverse nature of diseases treated by surgery and the aggressive manner in which these diseases are treated."

According to Dr. Hale, one of the factors that enticed him to locate in the Greenville area was the people.

"It is hard to imagine anywhere else in the world that has a population who is more friendly and sincere than the people in this area.

"The climate is certainly a big factor. The long, cold winters in Northern Michigan are sometimes very hard to face.

"I am really big on outdoor sports, especially water sports and Greenville has much to offer in this field.

"Finally, and not the least by any means of the factors that attracted me to this area is the group that I joined.

"In my search for a place to practice surgery in the last year, I was interviewed, and investigated many surgical possibilities in several states.

"Nowhere did I find any higher quality of surgical practical than that performed by Drs. Longino, Vick, and Carter.

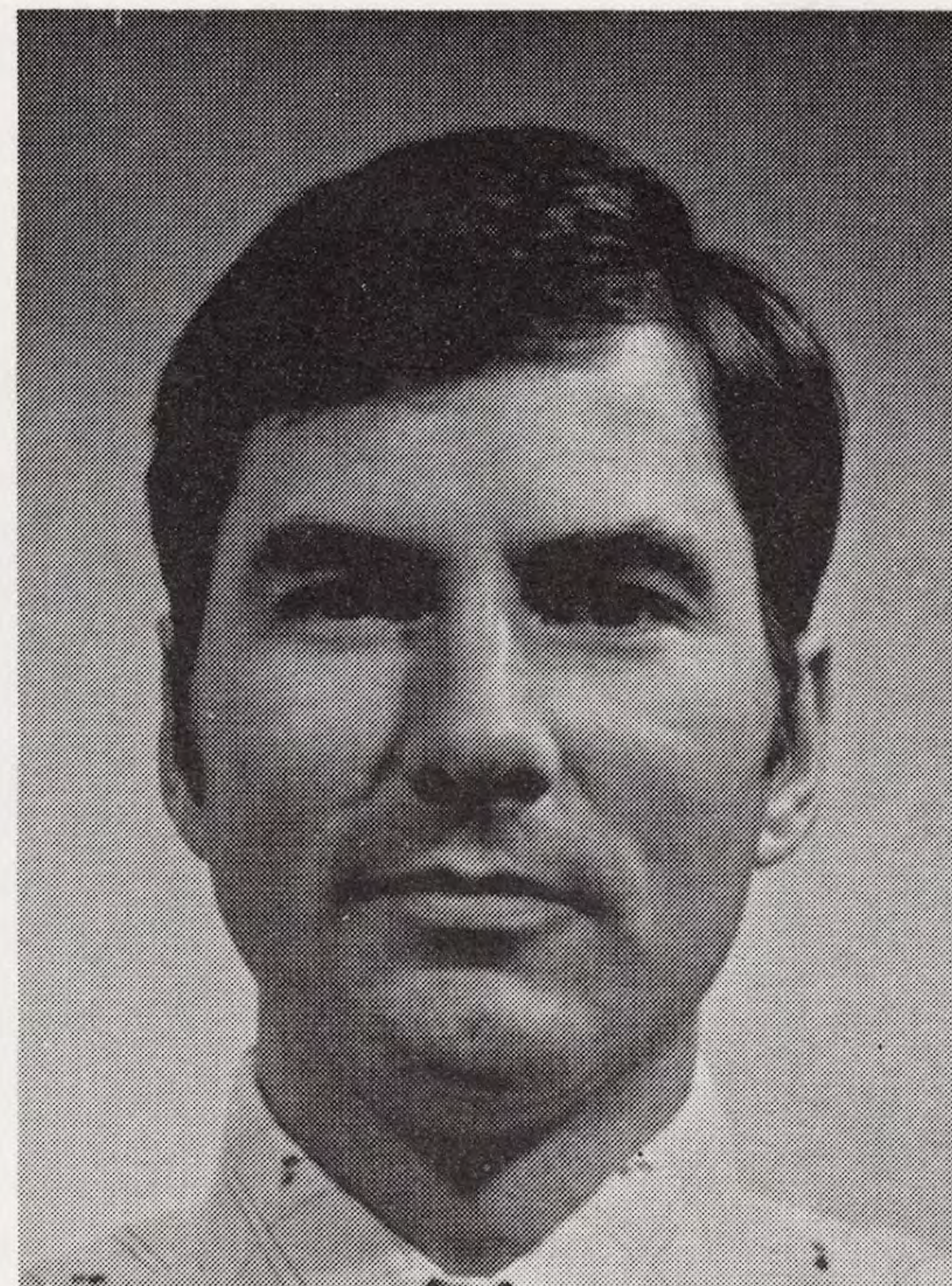
"Also the quality of medical community here in Greenville is certainly outstanding, to say the least.

"I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of Pitt Surgical Associates and of the Greenville medical community," said Hale.

Hale is married to Diane Hale and they have two children, Eric, age five, and Carrie, age three.

Hale's favorite pastimes include hunting, fishing, sailing, water and snow skiing, hiking and camping, racquetball and college sports.

"I am looking forward to following the Pirates in their football and basketball seasons," said Hale.



Dr. John Hale



Dr. Kim Park

Dr. Kim Park is originally from Seoul, Korea. She fulfilled her rotating internship at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Park received her residency training in pathology at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Park is a Fellow in Dermatopathology at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. She graduated from medical school in 1969.

Park is married and is the mother of two children, Kathy, aged 7, and Janette, aged 6 months.

Dr. Park's hobbies include gardening and classical music.

Dr. Robert Griffin Brame is a native of Wendell and attended UNC-CH, interned at the University of Colorado, and did his residency at UNC-CH and Margaret Hague Hospital in Jersey City, N.J.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Delta Phi Alpha and received the Cooper Award from the N. C. Medical Society in 1967.

He has taught at the UNC-CH School of Medicine, Bowman Gray, Duke University Medical Center, Duke University, and in his present position as professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at ECU School of Medicine.

"I came to Greenville because of the opportunity to participate in the development of a new medical school and a new department of obstetrics and gynecology," said Brame.

Dr. Brame is married to Ms. Nancy H. Brame and they have two children, Karen Gale and Robert G. Brame (Jr.).



Dr. R. G. Brame

Unfortunately, all the responses to our questionnaire had not been received at press time. We regret being unable to profile the following new doctors who have joined the PCMH staff during the last six months.

These doctors are: Dr. Seymour Bakerman, Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Roger N. Goodlin, Family Practice; Dr. Loftus Hengeveld, Jr., Emergency Room Physician; Dr. Barry A. Moore, Psychiatry; Dr. John D. Rose, Internal Medicine; Dr. Richard Vaughn, Family Practice; Dr. William R. Walker, Psychiatry; Dr. Ronald L. Washburn, Radiology; Dr. Harriett H. Wooten, Family Practice; and Dr. Robert L. Capps, Dentistry.

Rehab Nurses Experience Life in a Wheelchair

Approximately 15 rehabilitation nurses and assistants participated in a program from April 25-29 designed to help them understand the world of the handicapped.

Donna Smith, chief of occupational therapy, said rehab nursing is different from regular floor nursing.

"You have to know how to encourage the patients," she said.

The program was established to help the rehab staff understand how hard it is to be handicapped.

"The first hour in the wheelchairs was fun," Smith said.

"But, eight hours of having to do everything from a wheelchair was a different story.

"Some wheelchair patients have to stay in wheelchairs for the rest of their lives."

Smith explained that we think nothing of flipping on a light switch. But, in a wheelchair, a person must maneuver himself in a position so he can turn it on.

"It's a whole different world when you're handicapped," said Smith.

Smith feels that the program

was successful, and helped the nurses to become better nurses after having put themselves in their patients' places.

Edna Corbett, R.N., thought the program was great.

"I think it makes us understand some minor problems the handicapped have. Some are in wheelchairs for a lifetime," she said.

The patients are excited about working with the new facilities, according to Corbett.

There were no rehab facilities at the old hospital; the patients went to the rehab center in Winston-Salem.

The facilities here, Corbett said, are very superior.

Carolyn Whichard and Doris Holton, nurses' assistants, had never worked with rehab patients before, although they had been exposed to similar problems at nursing homes.

"I have a different attitude because now I know what it's like to function from a wheelchair," said Whichard.

Holton added, "I can appreciate and realize what they're going

through."

Whichard said the patients are excited because there is hope for them at the rehab center.

Holton said that with the patients working with the equipment, hope is restored and they have an outlook of going home and having a job.

Whichard stressed treating the patients normally as much as possible. "Most important," said Holton, "show them that you care and that they can help themselves."

"But, try to avoid doing for them, and help them do it for themselves," added Whichard.

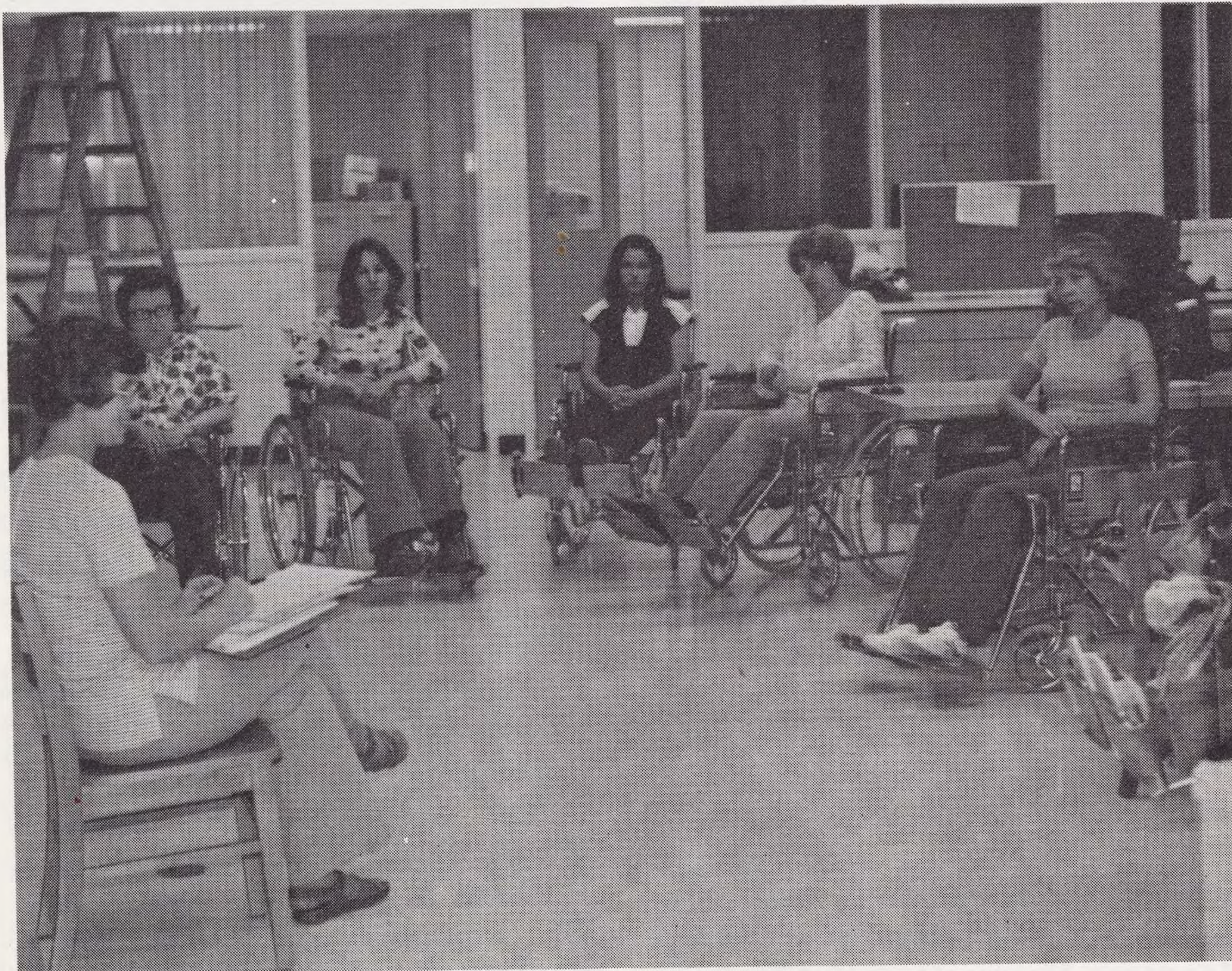
"You can appreciate their feelings when you watch them try," said Holton.

Both women said they become as excited as a patient when he does something for the first time; for example, tying a shoelace with one hand.

"It seems like such a small thing," Whichard said, "but it's really a success to them."

Both women enjoyed the program, and Holton mentioned that cooking was especially difficult.

"Yeah," agreed Whichard. "I was real excited when I cracked that egg with one hand this morning."



These rehab nurses are learning how the handicapped live.

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New Employee In Personnel

Dick Petree, a new Personnel staff member, began work here in January, 1977.

Petree is the Employment Officer and does the initial interviewing and employment of employees.

He was previously employed as Administrative Assistant at the Pitt County Mental Health Center, where he dealt with budgeting, purchasing and personnel.

Petree worked at the mental health center for about two years.

"I really enjoy it," he said, concerning his work here.

"I enjoy talking to people."

Prior to working at the mental health center, Petree worked in restaurant management.

Petree, who is a National Guardsman, has a degree in psychology from ECU.



Employment Officer Dick Petree

Carowinds Offers Discount

Carowinds and PCMH have announced a program in which all PCMH employees may visit the theme park this season on a special discount admission card.

The Fun Club Card will permit the employees to purchase a standard Carowinds admissions at a 10 percent discount. Therefore, PCMH employees will be able to buy admission tickets for \$6.30, instead of the regular \$7.00.

This 10 percent discount is also applicable year round at the park's Frog Creek Campground, Carowinds Riding Stables, six motels and two restaurants near the park, and a 5 percent discount at all Avis Rent-a-Car locations throughout the country.

Further information and details about the program are available by contacting the Personnel Office.

Security's main task is surveillance

Hall: No Major Crimes at PCMH

PCMH is not bothered by much of a crime problem, according to Ralph Hall, Director of Plant Operations.

"We've had some minor problems with pilfering, but that's about it.

"There have been no major crimes committed in the parking lots, which is where most hospital crimes occur," said Hall.

Hall attributed this to the exterior lighting, and said it had cut the crime rate.

Hall said the main task of security at PCMH was one of surveillance.

"We have approximately 10-12 security officers on our staff. We

have officers posted at the visitor's desk, and others patrolling the unoccupied areas of the hospital at night," said Hall.

The guards at the visitor's desk are employed by PCMH directly.

The other guards are employed by McKenzie Security Agency, which supervises and trains all security employees at PCMH.

The only armed guard is an off-duty policeman in the Emergency Room.

Other security measures include door alarms, and, of course, the ever-present ID badge.



Grace Goins is one of the 12 security officers at PCMH.

Special Services Offers Varied Tests

Special Services is the cryptic title of one of the most vital departments of PCMH.

These special services include respiratory therapy, electrocardiogram (EKG), electroencephalogram (EEG), pulmonary lab, and a cardiac lab equipped for both Echo and Holter monitoring.

According to Bill Young, Director of Special Services, the main purpose of the department is to perform diagnostic tests requested by a physician.

"We also perform pre and post operatory treatment for respiratory patients and routine examinations for people with chronic lung disease," said Young.

"We have seventeen people on our staff: two certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructors, three certified respiratory therapists, four certified respiratory therapy technicians, four emergency medical technicians, and four people have recently taken the American Cardiology Technologist's Registry for EKG," added Young.

Young said the department averages approximately 2300-2500 procedures per month.

A recent addition to the depart-

ment is the new cardiac lab.

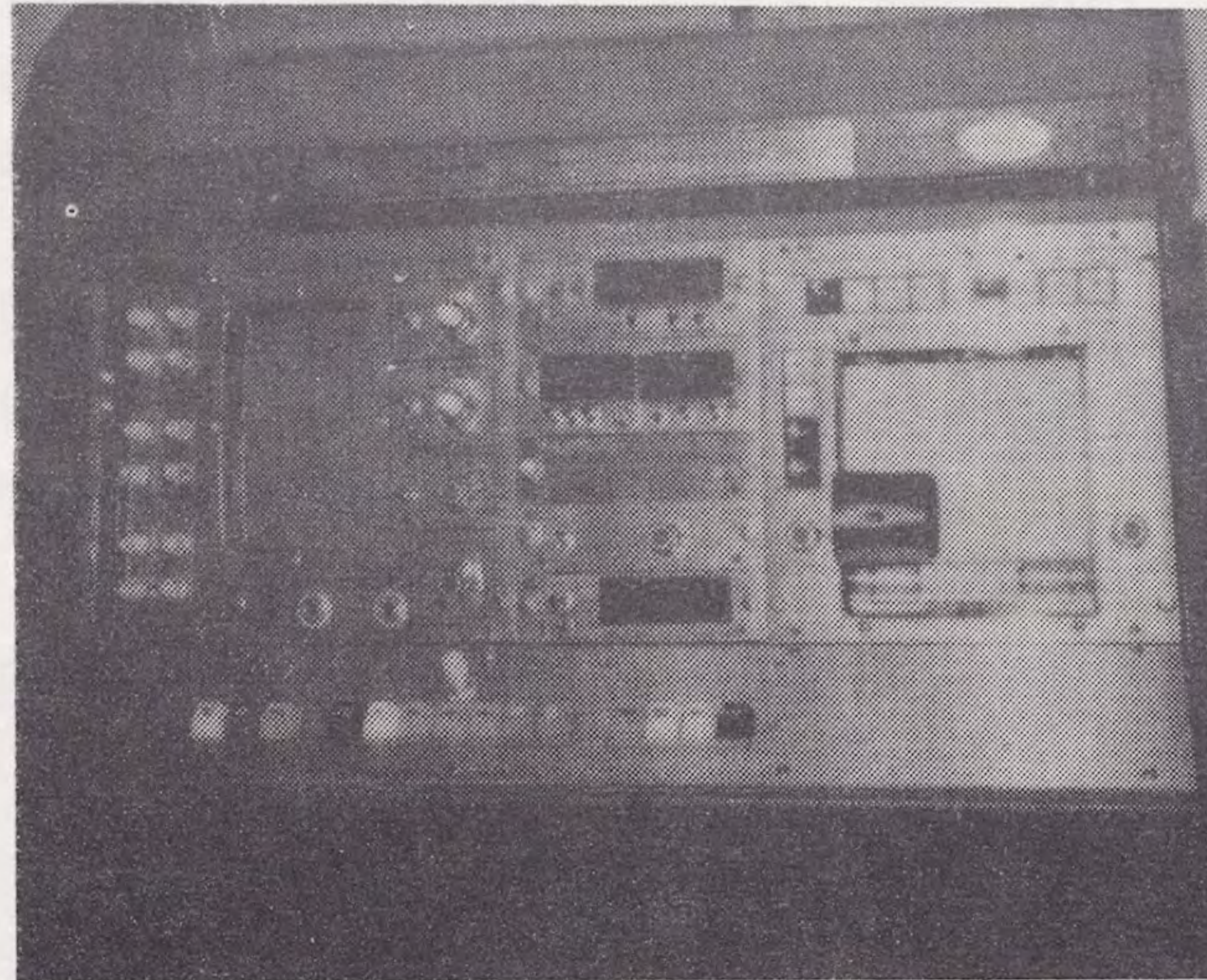
The two major sections of the lab, aside from the EKG, are the Echo and Holter Monitoring techniques.

"The Echo process involves the study of the anatomy and functions of the heart through the use of high frequency sound waves.

"A study of a particular patient's heart would include views of the aorta, the aortic valves, the left and right ventricles, the mitral valve and a sweep showing the relationship of the aortic root to the left ventricle.

"The Holter monitoring system consists of a 24-hour recording of heart functions.

"This provides a most accurate means for identifying cardiac arrhythmias (abnormal rhythms) which can be easily diagnosed by



The Holter Monitor

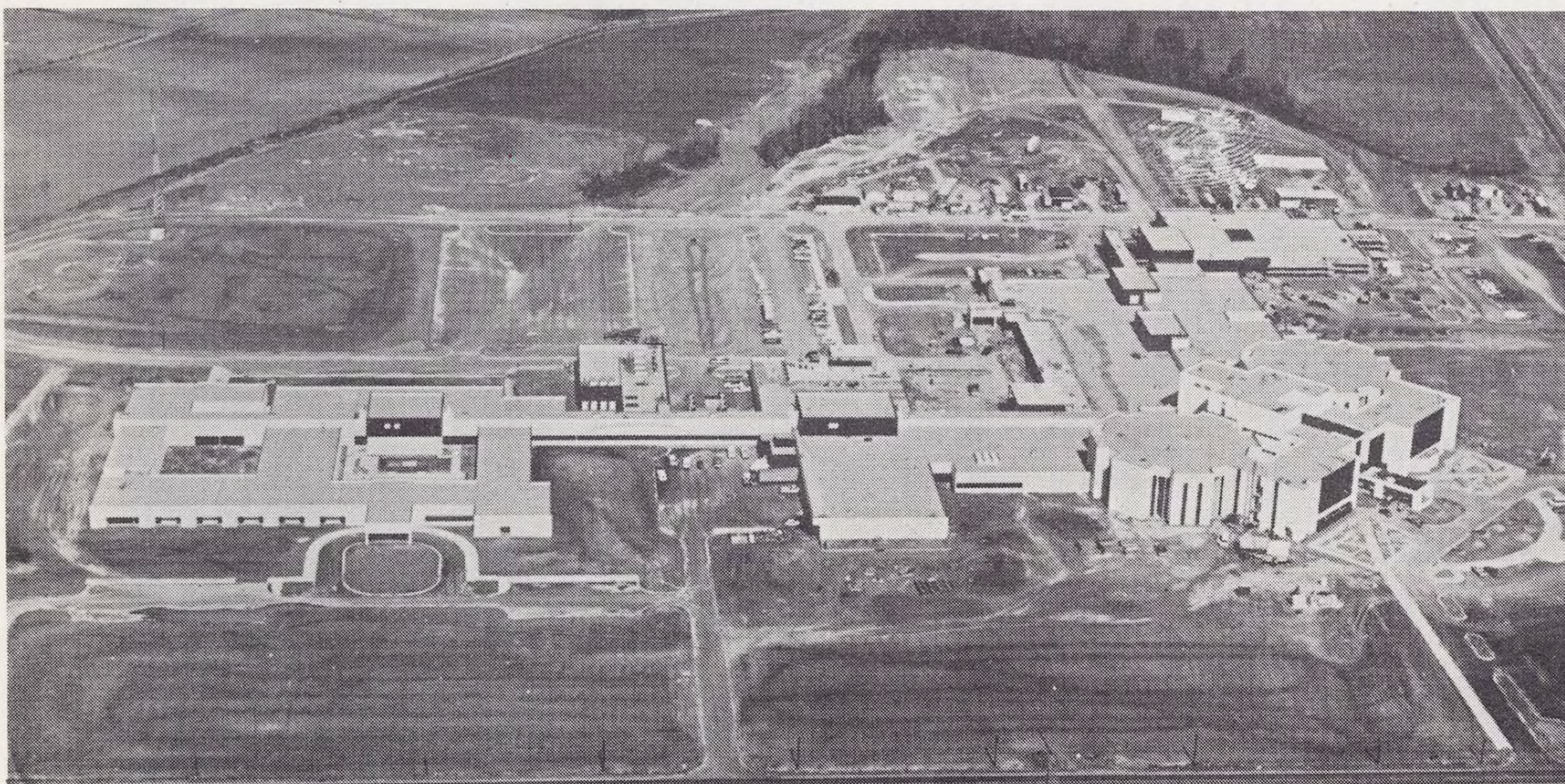
knowing the electrophysiology of the heart," said Young.

The respiratory therapy branch of Special Services is charged with the care, maintenance, and delivery of resuscitation and respiratory therapy equipment and respirators throughout the hospital.

Other duties include the administration of aerosols, Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing (IPPB) treatments, simple spirometry for objective evaluation of treatments, technical assistance in prolonged artificial ventilation, aid in emergency resuscitation, technical assistance in pulmonary function lab, and analysis of oxygen concentrations being administered.

The pulmonary lab performs lung volume measurements, vital capacity (maximal volume of gas that can be inspired from the resting expiratory level), forced expiratory flow rate (measurement in liters per minute of forced expiration), and maximal voluntary ventilation (maximal volume that can be breathed per minute through voluntary effort).

Clearly, Special Services are pretty special.



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