The Last Baby

On April 30th, the maternity unit on Robinson 5 shut its doors. It was a sad occasion, as many endings are sad, but it was also joyous in the long tradition of the joyous beginning of new life, for it was an occasion to photograph a happy Mother and her new baby — the last to be born on our famous obstetrical floor.

When the pioneering Robinson Memorial Hospital Building was opened in 1915, it was practically ALL babies — five floors devoted to obstetrics and only the first floor, an out-patient clinic, was without its quota of new infants, year in and year out. The largest maternity hospital in the East, the erection of Robinson signaled a new era, for in those days Mothers traditionally gave birth at home... often in circumstances that were prejudicial to safe delivery and maternal health.

The slow march of sociological change dictated the closing of the unit. As announced in the public press and in the March issue of Front and Center, the closing of our Robinson 5 floor will be followed by expansion of the Maternity Service at Boston City Hospital, to be directed by the Boston University Medical Center.

But on April 30th, nostalgia was definitely and justifiably the order of the day. Mrs. June Costello, about to be discharged with her handsome and healthy baby, beamed behind a handsome bouquet of flowers and chatted with her doctor, Dr. Andrew E. Elia, and with John F. Mullett, Associate Administrator of University Hospital, while cameras clicked.

Now new units move in as the obstetrical unit moves out. But the proud record of pioneering service and the warm memories remain. Dr. Elia has written a uniquely-observed history of Robinson 5 over the years and of the devoted doctors and nurses who gave of themselves to make it a delightful and memorable place, which will appear in the next issue of the BUMC Scope.

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Music to be Refracted By! Three of the four musical members of the BUMC Ophthalmology Department meet for a chat and a recorder session in the "Ladies' Lounge," first floor of the Blue Building. Left to right: Mrs. Marguerite Shaw, secretary to Dr. Ephraim Friedman, Mrs. Linda Hallenbeck, Secretary, and Nancy Politzer, research technician in the Eye Pathology Laboratory.

The Music Makers (continued)

Dr. Kreger's superior musicianship will take him far — literally and soon! He is off around the world on a ten-week Asian Tour with the Harvard Glee Club and Radcliffe's Choral Society that leaves the West Coast in mid-June and proceeds to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Tel Aviv, Istanbul and Edinburgh. Dr. Kreger's billing is "singing physician." He is well qualified for his role, having played and sung with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus as a student at Western Reserve; in 1962 this fine group was chosen to perform for the Casals Festival in San Juan, Puerto Rico. While at Harvard, Dr. Kreger became an accompanist for the Harvard-Radcliffe combined chorus which he joins this summer in their exciting trek. The student singers will be the first college combined chorus for the Harvard-Radcliffe Club and Radcliffe's Choral Society that

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William S. Brodrick, recently promoted to the post of Assistant to the Publisher of the Boston Herald-Traveller Corporation was also recently discharged — as a patient of our Hospital! On March 28th, in response to a letter of felicitation from BUMC Director Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, Mr. Brodrick wrote the following letter:

Dear Mr. Rohrbaugh:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations. And if University Hospital cannot take credit for my promotion, it can certainly take credit for enabling me to take advantage of my promotion. I entered your hospital with little or no ability to work. But I can now work a full day — and more — and I have great confidence in the future. I feel this is in large part due to the first-rate treatment I received at University Hospital.

I trust you will convey my appreciation to Dr. Cohen, his staff, and to the nurses and their aides, who somehow managed to be efficient and considerate even when they were short-handed. If ever there is anything I can do to help University Hospital in turn, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

William S. Brodrick
Assistant to the Publisher

The Music Makers (continued)

Boston Youth Symphony and Wellesley Community Chorus. Dr. Whipple has appeared in concert with his daughter, accompanying her on the piano, and he and she sometimes join Dr. Emerson to form a trio.

Yet another accomplished musician among us — and also a member of the musically-oriented community of Wellesley — is Dr. David Viscott, third year psychiatric resident in the out-patient department. Dr. Viscott holds the first flutist chair in the Wellesley symphony and writes his own compositions for the flute.

"Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter still." There must be many other BUMC musicians too modest to be recorded in this informally-assembled Center "orchestra." Perhaps you will let your fellow musicians hear from you. Dr. Emerson to form a trio.

Dr. Isaac Asimov is a member of our own BUSM faculty and family. But Author Asimov is better known throughout the world wherever science fiction aficionados gather, or publishers convene to discuss his unique formula for literary success — quantity and quality and an amazing range of subject matter.

Proving that a prophet IS with honor in his own country, Dr. Asimov was feted on the evening of April 27 by a Reception to mark the occasion of the publication of his 80th book (he is 48 years old), held in the Division of Special Col-
The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has announced the creation of a new Laboratory of Microbiology, to be headed by a Boston University School of Medicine graduate, Dr. Roger M. Cole. Reorganization of intramural research activities of the NAIAD was approved in April by the Surgeon General, Public Health Service.

Dr. Cole joined the Public Health Service in 1949 after internship and a year as NIH Fellow at our Haynes Memorial Hospital in Brighton.

Every spring since 1950, Belle H. Cruikshank, Administrative Secretary for Nelson F. Evans, has turned in a smooth and effective performance of a tough job: managing the Registration Desk for the annual New England Hospital Assembly. She has seen the attendance grow from about 3500 in 1950 to this year's 11,500, and the scene shift from the Hotel Staffer Hilton to the Prudential Center's Sheraton Boston Hotel and the War Memorial Auditorium.

Our University Hospital dietary team receive a visitor in the Kitchen! Left to right: Marjorie Shea, Judy Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Miles, Director of the Hospital Division of Stouffer's Food, Inc. of Philadelphia, which, since last August has been responsible for the operation and BCH, presented to Dr. Beckley, her four year term of service, and Patricia Giles, Miss Williams directs the Diet Department. Our "own" Miss Shea is associate director in charge of food production and Miss Giles is the associate director for patient services.

News of the Third: The Third (Boston University) Surgical Service hosted a large and distinguished group for their Thirteenth Annual Seminar, held in the Dowling Amphitheatre of Boston City Hospital on Wednesday, May 3. Subject of the seminar: Diseases of the Small Intestine. Speakers during the morning and afternoon sessions, in addition to our own Boston University School of Medicine faculty members, Drs. Morton A. Bosniak, Lester F. Williams, Jr., Franz J. Ingelfinger and Angelo J. Eraklins, included staff members from the faculties of Harvard Medical School, Cornell University Medical School, and the Schools of Medicine of McGill University, University of Rochester, Johns Hopkins University and Vanderbilt University. . . . Susan Farwell, Secretary in Dr. John J. Byrne's office at the BCH, flew to London to act as bridesmaid for a friend's wedding in April, then embarked on a holiday with her family in Spain and Morocco. . . . A farewell party in their honor will be given for four Chief Residents of the Third (Boston University) Medical Service at BCH at the Cambridge Boat Club on the evening of June 14th. The departing quartet: Drs. Louis F. Anastasia, Christos A. Hasiotis, Robert M. Kim and Bernard L. Wisniewski. . . . A cordial welcome and congratulations to Doctor Hytho Pantazelos, who takes over as Chief Resident of the Third on July 1. Mrs. Pantazelos, the former Hytho Haseotes, BUSM, Class of 1963, will be the first female Chief Resident of the Service. In addition to her excellence in surgery she possesses expertise as a medical artist.

Also welcome on the first of July will be Drs. William H. Beeckley and Joseph J. Migliore, BUSM Class of 1966 returning to the Third as Junior Assistant Residents following their internships at other hospitals. New interns will include five BUSM, Class of 1967 graduates: Richard D. Chaset, Edward J. Garlick, Arthur J. Haymes, Linda L. Welch and Paul D. Allen. The last-named three are students of the Six-Year Program.

Highlights of the 92nd Annual Meeting of BUSM's Alumni Association on May 6 included an address by the Reverend Robert W. Bain, Class of 1952, who was ordained an Episcopal minister in 1962 and has been practicing medicine in Liberia at a church-supported modern medical complex in that country. He is presently in Boston for advanced training at the Mallory Institute of Pathology of the BCH.

The evening was also the occasion for two heart-warming ceremonies of appreciation: The 13th Annual Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Dr. Kenneth Christophe, Clinical Professor of Orthopedic and Fracture Surgery of the School of Medicine and Chairman of the Department, Chief of service at the Hospital. Dr. Christophe, whose memories of his early years here are strong and vivid, received his M.D. in 1928 and has served on the faculty and hospital staff since 1930.

The second presentation, a Paul Revere bowl, was made to Salvatore Lunetta, for "40 years of loyal service." Mr. Lunetta maintains audio-visual and laboratory equipment for the school and is an invaluable member of the Department of Anatomy staff. (See the story and pictures elsewhere in this issue.)

On July 1, Eleanor Gill, R.N., becomes Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Connecticut. A loss to University Hospital, but a splendid gain for nursing education.