



NEW WING, NEW IMPROVEMENTS NEARING COMPLETION

The construction of the new wing is more than 60 per cent complete. It is estimated that the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors will be ready for occupancy in November of this year with complete occupancy planned for March of 1957. The employee and staff dining rooms will be closed most on June and July while the dishwashing room is remodeled and enlarged. When we open up again the staff cafeteria will be enlarged and redecorated, and there will be additional space in the main kitchen.

The second and third floors which include 80 of the additional 109 beds as well as a new dining room for ambulatory patients and a central food service system, are being rushed to completion. The 10 new operating rooms on the fourth floor are also being completed before the entire building is made available. It is anticipated that the additions to the Medical and Surgical Private Diagnostic Clinics will be completed before January 1, 1957 in order to complete the changes planned in the present building by the time the new wing is opened.

All areas will be attractively decorated by Harold Shuttles of Asheville, who is consulting with the Building Committee. Furniture and other equipment lists are being prepared so purchases can be made in the near future.

Most, but not all, of the drilling into the stone walls of the present building is completed. The removal of the stone walls has been done with a minimum of inconvenience to the

hospital operation, although those who have had to put up with the noise the most will deny this. The next major breakthrough will be the rebuilding of the passageway between the hospital and Baker House to make the entranceway to the new clinic administration area. During the five or six months it will take to complete the entrance it will be necessary to restrict the traffic through the passageway and for about two months it will be impassable.

The main parking lot has been paved and lines marked so the capacity could be increased by about 25 per cent. The elimination of mud

holes in wet weather and dust in dry weather is welcomed by everyone, even those who will get tickets for parking on the line markers.

As a protection against fire breaking out and also to provide better storage space in the attic a large area has been covered with steel decking. This project is almost complete and assignment of space is under the direction of DeWitt Wright.

A portion of the new automatic pneumatic tube system, which is also connected with the existing Lamson tube system, is being installed at the nursing stations on Holmes, Cushing and Minot wards.—*L. E. Swanson*

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship

Student nurse Patricia Rodwell Drake of Asheboro has been awarded the Women's Auxiliary Scholarship for the second year, according to Mrs. Julian M. Ruffin, president.

In announcing the Auxiliary board's decision to renew Miss Drake's scholarship, Mrs. Ruffin said, "After reviewing her fine record and hearing the evaluation of her accomplishments, the Board voted unanimously to have her receive the Auxiliary scholarship for another year."

Miss Drake, a 1954 graduate of Asheboro High School, will serve as corresponding secretary of the Nurses Student Government Association and as a representative on the Judicial Board this year. Her other activities include committee chairman for the

Family Week-end Program and the hostess committee for the East Campus tea. She has also participated in demonstrations of the team nursing program for nearby hospitals.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Drake of Asheboro, both Duke University graduates, Miss Drake also has a sister, Mrs. Paul C. Bennett, Jr., who studied at Duke.

Sales Tax S. O. S.

From the Women's Auxiliary comes a plea—pay your sales tax cheerfully! The Auxiliary girls don't like the pennies any more than the customers, but 'tis the law, so pay up (willingly) please.