

Supt's Corner



By Charles H. Frenzel

A hospital after dark can be a lonely and frightening place. The activities slow down, the multitude of staff, employees and visitors leave, but the 24 hour, 7 day coverage goes on. The emergencies continue to arrive, the critical patients are no less critical, and the many tasks that cannot be done in the daylight must be completed.

As we enjoy the picture story in this issue of the **InterCom**—The Hospital at Night—it would be well if we think with appreciation of the dedicated house staff, nursing personnel, Central Supply aides, housekeepers and many others who serve our patients during these difficult hours.

The recent two big snows gave us another excellent opportunity to see the wonderful cooperation and spirit of the Medical Center staff. There were numerous instances of staff working two consecutive eight hour shifts. Over 40 people stayed overnight in the hospital during the second snow to be sure that a staff would be on hand in the morning. Many of the house staff helped out with nursing duties and many people with chains went miles out of their way to pick up colleagues to be sure the hospital would be covered. It was a wonderful expression of loyalty to duty and concern for our patients.

Our Women's Auxiliary completes its tenth year of service to Duke Hospital this month. Each year since its organization it has provided more and more benefits to our patients. A hearty "Thank you, well done" to this fine organization.

Meet Warren Wagner Employee of Month

Mr. Warren Wagner, manager of the Hospital Storeroom, has been selected as this issue's Outstanding Employee of the Month.

In appraising Mr. Wagner's qualifications, those who nominated him cited his "pleasant, cheerful and helpful attitude"—"I have never known him to be rude or unpleasant to anyone." One nomination stated that he is "one of the best, if not the best employee in the Medical Center."



Warren Wagner

Mr. Wagner was born in Durham and has spent all of his life here except for service in the Army Ordnance Department in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. Prior to his employment at Duke Hospital in September, 1949, he was office manager for a local men's clothing store.

Mr. Wagner and his wife, who is chief clerk in the Hospital Post Office, live at 1920 Haverford Street.

Additional selections for Outstanding Employee of the Month will be made during the year, and the Outstanding Employee of the Year, se-

lected from the Employees of the Month, will be named in the last issue of **InterCom** for 1960. All personnel are encouraged to submit nominations for employees deserving recognition. Blanks are available in the Medical Center Personnel Office.



To the Auxiliary Membership

My heartfelt gratitude goes to each and every member of the Duke Hospital Women's Auxiliary for their help and cooperation during my years as President. I know well that the success of the Auxiliary work depends on no one person, but on the efforts of the entire membership. Thank you, one and all!

Eva Daniel

Auxiliary Votes \$10,000 to Chapel Fund

On March 15 the Board of the Duke Hospital Women's Auxiliary voted to donate \$10,000 to the fund for a Hospital Chapel. This is in addition to the \$15,000 contributed in the spring of 1959, and brings the Auxiliary's total gift to \$25,000.

Location of the Chapel has not been definitely decided. Hospital authorities state it has been recommended that the back wall of the main lobby be opened up, and the Chapel be built in the courtyard behind the lobby.