

Supt's Corner



By Charles H. Frenzel

Never before have the opportunities for careers in the health field been so numerous and attractive as they are today.

Last month the hospitals of the United States observed National Hospital Week. The theme was "Careers that Count," and it was disclosed that there are now over 150 different career opportunities in hospitals and related health facilities. Each of these careers offers an interesting and rewarding future to the young man and woman.

Duke University Medical Center observed the occasion with a Health Career Day for local high school students. A panel of our students appeared on television to explain the attractions of their chosen professions, an interesting window display was set up at Belk-Leggett's, and an open house and tour of the hospital was held for visiting students. The entire program was planned and carried out successfully by student representatives of the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Dietetics, Administration, Medical Technology and X-Ray Technology. It was an extremely successful event and will grow when repeated in the years to come.

The health professions must attract a larger number of the better college and high school graduates. The competition for these top students is keen, but we have more to offer now than ever and we must be sure that we take every opportunity to let them know this. Every one of us in the health field has an obligation to interest the excellent student in a health profession.

What People Are Saying

From the family of a Florida patient:

We can't say enough about Duke. The wonderful doctors and nurses. It is, indeed, the medical center of the world.

From a Duke student:

I take this opportunity to express my high appreciation of the most efficient services rendered to me and the exceptional courtesy shown to me by all the members of the staff of Hanes Ward during my hospitalization.

... excellent care ... all very kind and courteous ... made me feel quite at home.

I have indeed no words to express my sense of appreciation for their high sense of sincere duty and human love.

From a Medical Center staff member:

We recently had a visitor, a surgeon from the the University of Michigan, and he was most favorably impressed with the excellence of our housekeeping.

Fund Drive Underway

Every year members of the faculty and staff of the Medical School are given an opportunity to participate in the Medical School Support Fund. This year's drive is headed by Dr. James H. Semans, and his committee is composed of Dr. William J. A. DeMaria, Dr. Keith Grimson, Mr. David Henry and Dr. Charles Kunkle.

A mid-May report shows that 100 members of the medical school faculty have contributed \$5,291 already this year, which compares with 93 for \$4,967 on the same date last year. The final report on this year's program will be made at the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Miss Florence Wilson Dies

Miss Florence K. Wilson, dean of the Duke University School of Nursing from 1946-54, died on May 6. At the time of her death Miss Wilson was living in retirement in Tryon, N. C. During her long career in nursing, Miss Wilson held positions that included president of the North Carolina and New York State Leagues of Nursing and president of the Carolina League for Nursing. She was active in establishing in 1953 Duke University's four-year program leading to the B.S. degree in nursing.

Thomas Vincent Outstanding Employee

The Outstanding Employee Selection Committee has announced that Thomas C. Vincent, Emergency Room orderly, has been named this issue's Outstanding Employee of the Month.

Those who recommended Mr. Vincent felt that he could be praised on all counts: "covers the Emergency work most efficiently"—"makes an excellent impression on patients and visitors"—"excellent attendance"—"thorough and most dependable"—"fits into varied situations with ease"—"has exceptional all round ability and is a stabilizing influence on other employees."



Thomas C. Vincent

Mr. Vincent was born in Orange County in 1912 and attended the schools of that county. Before coming to Duke Hospital in August, 1952, he was employed by a laundry in Mebane for seven years. His World War II military service of two and a half years in the Navy included nine months at Pearl Harbor. Mr. Vincent and his wife, Mrs. Margie Vincent, who is also a Duke Hospital employee, are the proud parents of three sons and a daughter, and boast five grandchildren.

An Outstanding Employee of the Month is named in each issue of INTERCOM. Any Medical Center employee may submit a nomination. Blanks are available at many locations including the Personnel Office.