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Meet the Champions



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probably fill many books with interesting stories about the things she's seen and heard as chief interviewer over the years. Most people, she points out, are truthful in these interviews, but there are the occasional shrewd ones who will be referred to the private clinics and then return to the Outpatient Department a few days later claiming a few less acres and a much older car in hopes of receiving less expensive medical care.

A registration fee varying from \$5 to \$20 and a return visit fee of from \$1 to \$4 is set at the initial interview for each new patient. For the registration fee the patient receives a complete physical, chest x-ray and laboratory work. All of the charges in the Outpatient Department are hospital fees. No patient is ever charged a professional fee, because no physician receives any payment for his services in the clinics. The medical staff considers the Outpatient Department one of the most important teaching experiences the medical center has to offer. It is here that the students and house staff learn to handle outpatient problems, which will constitute a large part of their practice in later years. It also represents a valuable recruiting field for unusual problems for more extensive study in the hospital.

The Outpatient Department, like any big business, has its problems. One of the biggest of these is trying to eliminate as much of the waiting time as possible. An appointments

MEET THE CHAMPIONS! This group of girls call themselves "The Bowleretts" and won the Medical Center Bowling Championship. Left to right: Alice Barker, Business Office; Yvonne Ausley, Business Office; Eleanor Vaughn, Business Office; Margaret Stinnett, Dean's Office; Jean Williamson, Business Office.

There were six teams in the league this year, and hopes are high for increased membership for the fall season beginning in September. Medical Center employees interested in joining the league should call the personnel office.

system has been in the process of being worked out for some months. But the simple fact is that as long as people come from as far away as Florida and Kentucky or Asheville and Manteo without appointments, people are going to have to wait to be seen. But it is also true that as long

as there are among the Outpatient Department staff, both professional and administrative, people who want to help the sick and less fortunate who come here on faith alone, Duke Medical Center Outpatient Department will continue to be North Carolina's busiest doctor.

CAFETERIA RENOVATION

The hospital cafeteria was closed June 4 for renovation. Mr. Ted Minah, Director of Duke University Dining Halls, has agreed to feed members of the Medical Center staff in the dining room of the Men's Graduate Center while the hospital cafeteria is closed. Hours of serving at the Graduate Center are:

	Weekdays	Sundays
Breakfast	6:30-9:30 A.M.	7:30-9:30 A.M.
Lunch	11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	11:30 A.M.-1:45 P.M.
Dinner	5:00-7:00 P.M.	5:00-7:00 P.M.