



BILLY R. BARBER

Employee of the Month

Billy R. Barber of the Surgical Instrument Shop received the Employee of the Month honors. Mr. Barber has been a Duke employee since March 3, 1947. He was one of the early employees in the instrument shop and has advanced to the position of supervisor. Mr. Barber's advancement is due primarily to excellence in the quality and quantity of his work. He has played an important part in the design and construction of some of the specialized equipment being used at the Medical Center. The instrument shops are located in the Bell Building, and Mr. Barber would be pleased to show you the set-up at any time.

Congratulations and thanks to Billy Barber for running a fine shop.

Baker House

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mulated many crumpled fenders in the process. On September 29, 1943 the nurses and doctors of the Duke Medical Center staff unanimously recommended the changing of the name of the Nurses' Home to Baker House.

In 1939, when the PDC building was built, the connecting passage to Baker House was also built. This

ended the complete separation of this building from the rest of the hospital; facilitated more pleasant wet weather transit between buildings and made Baker House a logical place to look for new office space when this became a major problem in the 1950's.

Between the 40's and early 50's, however, drastic changes took place in the functions of Baker House. After the war the house staff grew in size as did the School of Nursing. Until this time the house staff had been housed most unsatisfactorily in rooms scattered throughout the hospital with no lounge facilities and no feeling of permanence to any of their quarters. When Hanes House was started in 1952, it was decided that Baker House would become a residence for house staff. Although the inclusion of female house staff and medical students in a predominantly male fortress caused some consternation in the administration, the plan was adopted without any dire results.

About 1954, the offices began to invade Baker House. In this year part of the first floor and the basement was put to use. First the neurologists moved over; then more of the department of medicine offices moved; finally members of the Private Diagnostic Clinic came. The early days were not perfectly smooth.

For a time Mrs. Bess Cebe, Dr. Stead's secretary, conducted business over a wall phone, connected to the old switchboard in Baker House rather than the main hospital switchboard. Basement offices (originally designed for trunk storage) flooded frequently sending all available hands running to move files and medical journals.

Even the decor in Baker House has undergone a series of changes. In keeping with her longtime interest in Duke's School of Nursing, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hanes (in whose memory Hanes House is named) made funds available early in the building's history to decorate the lounges. Mrs. Bayard Carter chose the furnishings and for many years these two women maintained the homey atmosphere that the house staff inherited when they moved in. The female touch is now gone, and the decor has taken

on a more utilitarian atmosphere.

This spring, with the change over to half office and half call room space, Baker House again bends with the times. House officers nowadays are married, by and large, and maintaining homes in town. The single men are busy apartment hunting! House staff on call will still have a comfortable spot in which to sleep and relax while on duty. And here is a change that even the old guard will have to say is a step forward—there will be a completely enclosed connecting passageway between each floor of Baker House and the corresponding floor of the PDC building, facilitating Baker House's emergence as an integral part of the Duke Medical Center.

This 'n' That

New Arrivals

Mrs. Judy Simpson, anesthesia secretary, a daughter, Sheryl Lynn, January 18.

Dr. and Mrs. Albin Johnson, Surgery, a daughter, Hilery Leilani, January 30.

Dr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Surgery, a daughter, Jane Alice, February 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Krueger, Surgery, a daughter, Patricia, December 31.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Flemma, Surgery, a son, Saverio Michael, December 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry, Surgery, a son, Robert Graham II, December 27.

Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Thompson, Surgery, a son, Mark, December 12.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Silver, Surgery, a son, Donald, December 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Logue, Surgery, a son, Mark Patrick, January 13.

Dr. and Mrs. John Laszlo, Medicine and Physical Therapy, a daughter, Rebecca, February 8.

Dr. and Mrs. Ted Goldbloom, Psychiatry, a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Psychiatry, a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. James Wynn, Medicine, a daughter, Robin Elizabeth, March 11.