



The unloading platform of the old emergency entrance (at left) can accommodate only one ambulance; however, as many as six ambulances and other vehicles will be able to park for unloading purposes at the platform of the new emergency entrance, shown above during construction. The improvement made in the parking capacity of the unloading platform is only one of the many fine features of the new emergency facilities that are expected to be in use by August.

will provide "meals on wheels" for the patients held for observation.

It will be much easier for cars and ambulances to reach the new emergency entrance. Traffic will approach the entrance from the direction of the V.A. Hospital. The road leading to the entrance cuts across one corner of the present visitor parking lot and then directly in front of the Bell Building.

The unloading platform at the entrance is covered for weather protection, can accommodate six ambulances at one time, and is flanked by ramps rather than steps.

Parking spaces near the entrance will be reserved for only emergency vehicles.

"We anticipate a major increase in the number of patients to be handled in the new Emergency Department, because of the improved facilities," said Mr. Jaeger.

During the fiscal year 1966 about 19,000 visits were made to the Emergency Room. "Considering the growth that Watts Hospital experienced when it expanded its emergency facilities and considering the general emergency room trends in the country, we anticipate that the number of visits will soon double and probably stabilize at about three or more times the 1966 figure," stated the Department's director.

Twelve Honored for Many Years of Service

Several years ago the Medical Center began to recognize those employees who had served the institution for 20 and 30 years by awarding annually service award certificates and pins.

To date, 107 persons have been recognized for 20 years of service and 56 persons for 30 years of service.

The 1967 awards were presented in February.

Thirty-Year Award

At a luncheon in honor of all those employees having given 30 or more years of service, a certificate and a service pin was presented to Charles S. Wall, a member of the janitorial staff of the Housekeeping Department.

Known by his close associates and friends as "Tom," Mr. Wall has been an employee in Housekeeping since 1936. Mr. Wall's uncle, who is now retired was also a Medical Center employee with long tenure, for he came to Durham when Trinity College was moved here. It is for the Wall family



Charles S. Wall

that the section near Northgate Shopping Center is named, Wall Town.

A gifted gardner, Mr. Wall is often found in his off-duty hours at the home of Dr. Kenneth Pickrell, chief of the Division of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery, where he takes care of the grounds of the Pickrell's home, "Kenkayla."

Mr. Wall has a son who is presently serving in the Armed Forces overseas and two stepchildren living in Durham.

Twenty-Year Awards

At the February 20-year awards program, eleven persons were honored at a reception and presented certificates and service pins.

Those recognized for their many years of service were: Mrs. Helen M. Thomas, secretary to Dr. Barnes Woodhall in the office of Medical School Administration; John E. Pickett, an instructor in Pathology; Miss Charlotte Tilley, secretary to Dr. Walter Kempner; John Maddox, Jr., assistant supervisor in Veterinary Medicine; Mrs. Zelma Jenkins, a housekeeper in Housekeeping; Mrs. Mollie C. Brooks, a housekeeper in Radiology; Robert L. Blake, Sr., an artist in the Medical Art Section of the Division of Audiovisual Education; Dr. Ivan W. Brown, professor of surgery; Louis E. Swanson, assistant administrative director; Percy Ray, an orthotist in Prosthetics and Orthotics (Brace and Limb Shop); and Bert R. Titus, director of Prosthetics and Orthotics.