



CIRCLE DEDICATED—VA and Duke officials at the dedication of Davison Circle were from left to right, William B. Sheppard, VA hospital director; Dr. W. G. Anlyan, Duke vice-president for health affairs; Dr. Barnes Woodhall, Duke chancellor *pro tem*; Dr. Deryl Hart, former chairman of surgery and president of Duke University; Dr. W. C. Davison, and Dr. R. W. Postlethwait, chief of staff at the VA. (photo by Hooks)

Veterans Hospital Circle Dedicated to Dr. Davison

The Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham honored former Duke School of Medicine Dean W. C. Davison December 11 by naming the street in front of the hospital Dr. Wilburt C. Davison Circle.

Dr. Davison, Duke's first medical dean, played a decisive role in getting the hospital in Durham. Since it was completed in the early 1950's, the Durham VA Hospital has had close affiliation with Duke.

Dr. Stuart Sessoms, director of Duke Hospital, presided at the 1 p.m. dedication ceremonies. Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice-president for health affairs, gave the

dedicatory address, and Dr. R. W. Postlethwait, chief of staff at the VA and a former student of Dr. Davison, unveiled the street marker.

The VA Hospital has added a five-story research wing since its opening and announced plans recently to construct another wing for paramedical education.

Dr. Davison, who now lives in Roaring Gap, N. C., served as Duke medical dean from 1927 until his retirement in 1960. He is presently active as a member of the Duke Endowment Board of Trustees.

Mr. Clarence Cobb, Director
Medical P. D. C.

I have just finished a complete physical checkup at Duke P. D. Clinic and I am so impressed with the great courtesy I was accorded and the efficient dispatch with which I was sent through each department - i.e., no waiting, no "putting off," etc. - that I felt I must write and commend you and your staff for doing such a great job.

Obviously, a person does not undergo such a physical "probing" without a good reason - and usually that reason makes the patient rather fretful, easily irritated and upset and impatient. When one is ill, one is not always "sunny dispositioned." Therefore, the great kindness and real feeling of consideration shown me by everyone at Duke was doubly appreciated. The girls at the "windows," the appointment secretaries, the nursing staff, and the doctors themselves made me feel that everyone there was really sincerely interested in me. Not just as a patient but as a human being - interested in really finding out what was wrong and trying to correct it. I shall always be grateful.

You know, Mr. Cobb, many people can be efficient - and even "great" - doctors, secretaries, receptionists, or nurses, but it takes someone special to be all that and a real human being besides.

Sincerely,

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efforts to aid humanity, and he received an honorary LL. D. degree from the University of Michigan later the same year.

After an emergency appendectomy in November, 1902, Reed developed peritonitis and died several days later on November 22. He was 51.

Shortly after his death, Reed's wife summarized his life this way:

When his great work was accomplished, the happiness which filled his soul was entirely for the suffering he would spare humanity. He rejoiced that he had not lived in vain and that God had seen fit to make him an instrument of good.



S. P. D. C. PARTY—Enjoying the annual Christmas party sponsored by employes of Surgical P. D. C. are from left Dr. James F. Glenn, professor and chief of urology, Dr. Larry Thompson, assistant professor of plastic and maxillofacial surgery, and Delores Bagley of the compensation and liability office. The December 3 event attracted about 100 S. P. D. C. physicians and employes. (photo courtesy of Surgical P. D. C.)