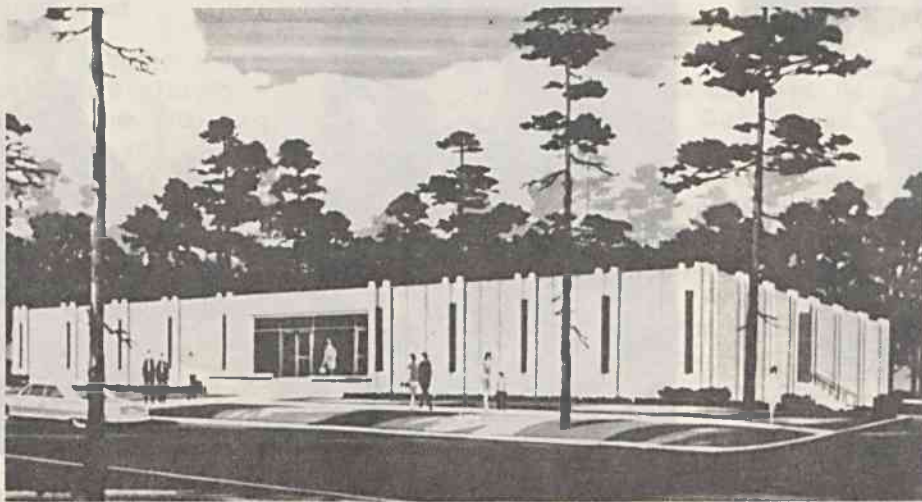


Duke-Civitan Facility Underway

To Study Retardation, Child Development



CIVITAN FACILITY FOR MENTAL RETARDATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT—This is Duke's new diagnosis and research center under construction on Elba Street near Hanes House Annex. The facility received a \$100,000 contribution from the Civitan organization of North Carolina. (photo courtesy of the Duke Office of Information Services)



THE FIRST SPADE OF DIRT—Dr. Barnes Woodhall, right, chancellor *pro tem* of the University, and Mr. William G. Ervin of the Civitan group turn the first shovel of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building. Dr. Woodhall pledged that Duke and Civitan would be moving forward together in this vital project for a long, long time. (photo by Dave Hooks)

While the weather was gloomy, spirits were bright and hopeful as officials from the North Carolina Civitan Clubs and Duke broke ground for a new research and diagnostic facility for mentally retarded children March 4.

The Civitan Facility for Mental Retardation and Child Development, now under construction along Elba Street adjacent to the Durham Child Guidance Clinic and behind Hanes House Annex, is the result of more than five years of study and planning for both the Civitan organization and Duke.

Civitan representatives to the groundbreaking ceremonies included the governors of both North Carolina Civitan districts, two former Civitan governors and the chairman of the group's fund-raising committee. William G. Ervin of High Point, chairman of the Civitan Aid to Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped Committee, served as master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Representing Duke were Dr. Barnes Woodhall, chancellor *pro tem*; Dr. Ewald W. Busse, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, and Dr. Samuel L. Katz, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

The idea for the facility grew out of a resolution passed by the North Carolina District of Civitan International in 1964 that the group raise \$100,000 for construction of a research facility to study the causes and methods of prevention of mental retardation. After sorting through proposals from several North Carolina medical facilities, the Civitan members chose Duke as the site for the center in 1965.

Shortly afterward, Civitan Clubs throughout the state launched a massive fund raising campaign which hit the \$100,000 target.

The facility will include a Developmental Evaluation Clinic where youngsters thought to have a physical or mental problem hindering their growth can be evaluated. In addition, a variety of research projects in all areas of retardation and child development will be housed in the new building.

The center will be under the professional supervision of the

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