

MR. MARCELLUS WINSTON

Mr. Winston was the first superintendent of Duke Hospital during the period 1929-1933.

From Number One To Patient 900,000

In July, Duke registered its 900,000 new patient, an eight-month-old baby girl from Durham.

Forty years before, almost to the day, Duke's first patient checked in.

He was Arthur Carl Lee, now of Charlotte, who in 1930 was chief engineer of the Duke Construction Company which built the new campus in the late 1920's.

After graduating from Clemson College in 1908 and Cornell University in 1910 with degrees in engineering, Mr. Lee immediately went to work for the Southern Power Co., now Duke Power.

Several years afterward while working on a project for Duke's new Woman's College, Mr. Lee was approached by George G. Allen, then chairman of the Duke Endowment Trustees, to take over supervision of construction of the new Duke University campus.

But as the Hospital and medical school neared completion, an old back ailment, the result of a football injury at Clemson, began to bother Mr. Lee.

"As soon as we open, you come on in and we'll check you over," he was told by Dr. Deryl Hart, Duke's first professor of surgery and later president of the University.

And he did. "The back ailment doesn't bother me any more," Mr. Lee said in an interview three years ago. "So the treatment they gave me worked." Office of Public Relations Box 3354 Duke University Medical Center Durham, North Carolina 27706



FOUNDATION OF THE PHARMACY – I. Thomas Reamer, shown here with Hospital Director Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms at Reamer's retirement party, was Duke's first full-time pharmacist, joining the staff in 1931. He retired earlier this year after nearly 40 years of service to Duke. In addition to this retirement gathering, members of Mr. Reamer's department feted him at a dinner shortly before his retirement. (staff photo)

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