

WALTER REECE BERRYHILL

Walter Reece Berryhill, a native North Carolinian, has been a molder of medicine in the state and nation for more than three decades. He was graduated from this University in 1921 and from the Harvard Medical School. After brief service on the faculty of the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University, he returned to Chapel Hill, to stay, in 1933.

As Dean of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina from 1941 to 1964, Dr. Berryhill energetically and wisely garnered support, selected and recruited a superb faculty, and guided the school through the difficult years of transition from a two to a four year program. For a decade after the first M.D. degree was awarded in Chapel Hill, Dr. Berryhill continued to lead the faculty in developing an academic medical center devoted to excellence in teaching, patient care, and research. After retiring as Dean he became the first Director of the Division of Education and Research in Community Medical Care, establishing the initial base for the strong statewide program that has bolstered the national leadership posture of our School of Medicine.

Dr. Berryhill retired from the University faculty in 1973; he continues to be an advisor and friend to the faculty and students of the School of Medicine. His entire professional life has thus been devoted to improving medical education and medical care in North Carolina. The University is pleased to recognize one of its own distinguished sons with this degree.

(awarded D.Sc. at May 9, 1976, Commencement)