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## "Red Feather Month" In Virginia

Governor Battle has designated October as "Red Feather Month" in Virginia and has called on the people to give generously to their Community Chest campaigns throughout the State.

The Red Feather, official symbol of Community Chest services, stands for united, voluntary action by citizens in working and giving to build better communities. It means united planning and fund raising for the voluntary social services of health and welfare.

The biggest of the Community Chest drives in the State will be the one for the Richmond area. An army of some 5,000 volunteer workers will take part in this campaign. They will raise money for 31 Red Feather Agencies serving the people of Richmond, Henrico County and the northern half of Chesterfield County.

## MCV And The War

The war up to the present time has had a relatively small effect upon MCV but its effect is beginning to be felt. As the war progresses MCV may expect additional demands to be made on it. To what extent MCV may expect to be affected depends on the international development. We may be reasonably assured, however, that not for some time will there be "business as usual" for either the college or the hospital division.

The hospital division is feeling the effects of price increases especially in the increased cost of food, gauze and bandages.

C. P. Cardwell, Jr., director of the hospital division, urges all departments to try to keep within their budgets. He makes this request realizing that the budgets were made up some time ago without taking into account the increased price situation but since the budget that was adopted some time ago is that by which the hospital must operate, he wants to stay within it if at all possible.

## Everett Leaves MCV

R. W. Everett, Jr., director of personnel, left MCV August 1 to begin his new work with an advertising service agency in Washington, D. C.

John E. Norfleet has been named to replace Mr. Everett. Mr. Norfleet comes to MCV from another State agency, the State Merit System Council. He has already begun his work here.

## President Sanger Announces Dental Committee

A committee of three has been named by President Sanger to handle the details of the office of the dean of the School of Dentistry. The committee which will serve on an interim basis until a successor for the late Dean Bear has been named is: Dr. Alton D. Brashear, chairman, Dr. Robert W. Ramsey and Dr. Oliver W. Clough.

The appointment of the interim committee, Doctor Sanger said, was subject to the confirmation of the Board of Visitors of the college when it meets September 15.

## Spencer, Bakeman Are Made Treasurer and Secretary

President W. T. Sanger has named F. Lee Spencer treasurer and George W. Bakeman secretary of the college filling the vacancy created by the death of J. R. McCauley.

The title of bursar which Mr. Spencer had has been abolished. He will serve now as treasurer of the college under the administration of Major-General W. F. Tompkins, comptroller.

Mr. Bakeman will serve as secretary of the college in addition to his regular duties as associate dean of medicine.

The appointment of Mr. Spencer and Mr. Bakeman, Doctor Sanger said, was subject to the confirmation of the Board of Visitors at its regular meeting September 15.

## Progress Report On Nurses' Dormitory And New Dental Building

Bids were opened September 8 on the proposed new nurses' dormitory for the college. Doctor Sanger says he hopes work on the new building may be started at an early date.

Work is under way on the detailed drawings for the proposed new dental building. As soon as the drawings are completed it is hoped that bids may be let on this building so that work on it may also start within the school year. The land for the new dental building has been acquired, Doctor Sanger said, and he is eager to get the building under way as early as possible.

## Speaker Is Named For Founders' Day

George F. Merck, well-known president of Merck and Company of New Jersey, pharmaceutical concern, has been chosen speaker for the Founders' Day program of the college this year. The program will be held in Monumental Church on December 1.

## Hospital Purchases New Equipment

During the closing months of the past fiscal year the hospital division purchased several new pieces of equipment. Much of the equipment had been needed not only during the past year but even in other years but financial conditions had prevented acquisition of the equipment. Thanks to the efforts of the employees, the efficiency and conservation committees and the department heads in economizing wherever possible the hospital was able to purchase the equipment toward the end of the year.

Among the new pieces of equipment that have been added is the new X-Ray unit, the latest of its type. This X-Ray unit will be used for emergency patients at MCV and for patients to the clinics.

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**Medical Records**

Members of the Medical Records Department are beaming with pride these days. They are proud of the new exhaust fans, the new filing equipment, the new stools and the water cooler that have been given to them.

Mrs. Eloise Sowder is on the job again after an absence due to an accident.

The department has new Edison Electronic Recording and Transcribing machines.

Joyce B. Hawke is leaving the department after three years to await the arrival of the stork.

Paul Klaycamp, junior medical student, worked in the department this Summer.

An account of vacations among the department staff this Summer include: Audrey Sharra to Winnepeg, Manitoba; Frances Morrison to Myrtle and Cherry Grove Beaches; Mrs. Luella Chew, New York and Philadelphia; Marjorie Millett, New Hampshire and Massachusetts; and Aline McCloud, New York, Atlantic City and Washington.

Mrs. Pearl Gross left August 31 to teach at Dumbarton School this year.

**Your Team**

Students and alumni are now discussing "the team" as the college year is about to open. There is a sense to which each of us is a member of a team, at home or certainly at M. C. V. Some of the teams are large.

Some may be first teams; others, second or "freshman" teams. It is rather interesting to contemplate that each of us plays his part in our institution as a team member. What are the rules of the game and do we follow them on a competitive basis?



It is also timely to reflect that regardless of the team to which we belong, there is usually a team stronger and with more responsibilities ahead of us, one to look forward to as a member. In our own institution beyond the top administrative group there is the Board of Visitors, then the State Government and society itself. Two conclusions naturally follow: We can't afford to let our team down by misplays or fumbles, and besides they don't lead to promotion to a more advanced team or position in the same team; the other, playing one's full part is really zestful and fun. So here at the beginning of a new academic year almost everyone of us finds himself a member

of some group, with responsibilities which can only be carried out when that group has plenty of zeal and goes forward in much of the spirit of play, wherein the activity itself is an end in itself.

W. T. SANGER  
President

**Visitors At MCV**

The frequency of distinguished visitors to MCV seems to be increasing. During the Summer months, for instance, a number of distinguished persons have visited our institution to study various phases of our program.

Among recent visitors were ex-Governor White and other state officials of Mississippi. They visited us to secure information that would help them in the establishment of a four-year medical school and a 300-bed teaching hospital. They were very much impressed with the organization at MCV.

Other visitors included Dr. Chavali Vyag of India who was sent to MCV by the World Health Organization to study our Physical Medicine Department.

Dr. Ernesto Saldias of Chile was also sent to MCV by the World Health Organization to study our arrangement for the treatment of poliomyelitis.

**Convocation Was Held September 11**

The 114th convocation of MCV was held in Monumental Church September 11 with Dr. W. T. Sanger, president of the college, presiding.

One of the largest student bodies in the history of the college was formally welcomed and given a brief preview of what they may expect from the college this year.

**MCV Hospitals Have Successful Year**

The new year for MCV began on July 1 since the fiscal year of the college ended June 30. From the standpoint of service indications are that last year will be one of the college's best years. While complete information is not available concerning the finances of the college it is certain that neither the college division nor the hospital division ended the year with a deficit.

## Twenty-Year Program For MCV

The leading business concerns of the nation have clearly developed plans for their future development. So will MCV within a few months.

President W. T. Sanger is working toward the development of a twenty-year program for the college. The aim of the program will be to maintain MCV's pre-eminent position in the educational and health service fields and enable it to render even greater service in the future than it has in the past.

Every member of the MCV family will be given an opportunity to express what he thinks should be included in the program.

According to Doctor Sanger the twenty-year program will not be one of buildings alone. It will touch every phase of the institution's work.

Any member of the MCV family who has any suggestions concerning the elements that should enter a twenty-year development program for MCV should present them to President Sanger where they will receive a warm welcome.

## Dietary

Kathryn Heitshu, director of dietetics, completed her twentieth year at MCV in May. To celebrate the occasion, the dietary staff recently gave her an office chair to replace the one that she has used for so long.

September brings to us a new class of dietetic interns. They are: Mrs. Pauline Arnold, Anna Rivera, Louise Dellwig, Elizabeth Gorman, Luisa Ruiz, Helen McIntosh, Rosalyn Morris, Mrs. Louise Morrissey, Jacqueline Reynolds, Marie LaSalle and Emma Wright. We welcome these new interns to MCV.

Albert J. Ryan, chef in MCV main kitchen, is taking his annual vacation in New York City. We miss him and hope he is having a pleasant time.

Kathryn Mattox, dietitian on private floors, was married August 26 to Aubrey Rives. Mr. Rives is a student in the School of Dentistry at MCV. Following the wedding a small reception was held in Cabaniss Hall Drawing Room.

Frances Wood, dietitian in Cabaniss Hall Cafeteria, will resign her duties here as of September 15 and return to her home in Florida.

Mrs. Josephine Palmer, assistant supervisor in St. Philip Cafeteria, and "Mama Jo" to all her friends, is resigning her job after 12 years of service to MCV. We are very sorry to see her go and wish her the best of luck.

We are happy to announce that six of the dietetic interns completing their work this year will remain at

MCV as staff members. Jane Fowlkes will replace Mrs. Elizabeth Wester on the 16th floor. Mrs. Wester has accepted a position at Woodbury Forest. Jean Carothers will replace Helen Dandalet on the 15th floor. Miss Dandalet has accepted a job at Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. Virginia Beck will replace Jean Brown in the Formula Room. Miss Brown is to take a position on MCV Ward floors. Evelyn Clark will fill a vacancy in the Clinic. Mary Smiley will replace Elizabeth Roe as dietitian in St. Philip Hospital. Miss Roe is leaving to accept a position at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Leaves of absence have been granted to Mrs. Janie Binford, diet aide on the 15th floor, and William Jenkins, cook in the main kitchen, for reasons of poor health. We hope that they will be well again soon and back with us.

## Census In Hospitals Is High

The census in the hospitals of MCV during August was the highest in their history. Many days the total census reached 840. Some days MCV Hospital had a census of 525 and during much of the month St. Philip and Dooley Hospitals were crowded almost beyond capacity.

Although the load of patients for poliomyelitis was not as great this year as in previous years it increased steadily during the month until the hospitals had a census of 75 of these patients.

## Pharmacy

The hard-working crew in the Department of Pharmacy managed without impairing the service of the department to get some vacation time in during the hot months.

R. D. Anderson spent some time in Massachusetts with his brother. R. C. Tolar and family spent a week at Virginia Beach. Russell Fiske and family visited Mr. Fiske's parents in Massachusetts.

Russell Fiske also attended a symposium on drug management and accounting at Ohio State University for a week this Summer.

P. Bogarosch, who will be associated with the Department of Pharmacology this year, assisted in the work of the Hospital Pharmacy during the Summer as pharmacist.

## Newsletters

Colonel Robert T. Barton, Jr., chairman of the MCV Board of Visitors, was elected president of the Virginia State Bar at its annual meeting in Roanoke, June 14.

Dean Sybil MacLean, School of Nursing, attended a work conference on regional planning for nurses in nursing education in New Hampshire this Summer. Miss MacLean represented Virginia as vice-president of the State League on Nursing Education and chairman of the curriculum committee of the league.

Dr. Erling S. Hegre, associate professor of anatomy, has been presented the annual J. Shelton Horsley research award by the Virginia Academy of Science. Doctor Hegre won the coveted award for developing a motion picture of serial slicing of embryos, which fellow scientists said will open up new fields of research in embryology.

Dr. W. T. Sanger, president of MCV, delivered the Commencement address of Richmond Professional Institute in June. Doctor Sanger was also the recipient of a doctor of laws degree from the University of North Carolina at the University's Commencement in June.

Dr. Albert I. Pincus, chiropodist at MCV, has been named to the State Board of Medical Examiners for a five year term. This is said to be the first time a chiropodist has been named to this group.

## MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

Hospital Division  
SERVICE REPORT

1949-50

|  | 1949-50 | 1948-49 | 1944-45 | 1939-40 | 1934-35 | 1929-30 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Hospital Admissions  | 22,706  | 20,818  | 14,676  | 10,142  | 9,492   | 8,012   |
| Patient Days   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Treatment (Hospital)   | 254,415 | 236,789 | 219,872 | 152,130 | 126,054 | 97,891  |
| Average Stay in<br>Hospital (in days)                                  | 11      | 11      | 14.9    | 14.7    | 13.4    | 11      |
| Surgical Operations  | 10,693  | 9,591   | 5,560   | 6,633   | 5,702   | 3,650   |
| Hospital Obstetrical<br>Deliveries                                     | 3,614   | 3,534   | 1,998   | 838     | 489     | 330     |
| Emergency Room Visits  | 30,557  | 27,939  | 27,407  | 12,093  | 11,379  | 6,684   |
| Visits to Outpatient<br>Clinics  | 86,283  | 82,001  | 67,610  | 113,198 | 66,094  | 39,361  |
| Visits to Dental<br>Clinic   | 32,867  | 28,196  | 25,407  | 22,967  | 18,461  | 12,230  |
| (School of Dentistry)<br>Visits to Dental Clinic<br>(Outpatient Dept.) | 4,059   | 3,501   | 4,200   | 4,165   | 2,291   | 1,303   |
| Prescriptions Filled:  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| (a) Hospital   | 81,940  | 92,547  | 57,899  | 22,197  | 13,104  | 8,354   |
| (b) Clinic   | 37,256  | 33,471  | 25,204  | 35,680  | 25,189  | 10,626  |
| (c) Student Health   | 2,490   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) House Staff  | 1,439   |         |         |         |         |         |

### Dr. Roberts Elected President Of Club

Dr. Ralph M. Roberts, assistant professor of oral pathology in the School of Dentistry, was elected in June the first president of Sertoma International, a civic organization formerly known as Cooperative Club International.

In his new office Doctor Roberts will have to travel extensively in the course of the year. Already this Summer he has visited clubs in several states. Wherever he goes he spreads good will for MCV. It is an honor to the college that it has on its faculty the president of this international organization.

### Two MCV Physicians Go On Lecture Tour In Oregon

Dr. Randolph H. Hoge, professor of gynecology, and Dr. Arthur E. Gathright, Jr., assistant professor of

clinical medicine and assistant director of the Department of Oncology, were two of four speakers invited by the Oregon State Medical Society and the Oregon State Board of Health to give a series of extramural, post-graduate cancer lectures in that state this Summer.

This was the second year Doctor Hoge had been invited to appear on the program of the lecture series.

### Topping Accepts Washington Position

Marvin W. Topping, director of public relations at MCV for the past three years, has accepted a position in Washington. He will be executive secretary of the American College Public Relations Association which will maintain its headquarters at 726 Jackson Place, N. W. This is a newly established position of the association and Mr. Topping will serve as the first full-time executive secretary.

### Deaths

Dr. Wortley F. Rudd, who joined the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia in 1906, died July 26. At the college Doctor Rudd held the position of demonstrator in chemistry, lecturer, professor and dean of the School of Pharmacy. He retired as dean emeritus of the School of Pharmacy in July, 1947, after 41 years of service to the institution.

Dr. Harry Bear, dean of the School of Dentistry, died July 30 after a brief illness. An alumnus of MCV's School of Dentistry, Doctor Bear later served his alma mater as instructor in metallurgy, professor of exodontia and of dental jurisprudence, ethics and economics. He became dean of the School of Dentistry July 1, 1929.

J. R. McCauley, secretary-treasurer of the college and a member of the staff for 46 years died June 21 of a heart attack. Mr. McCauley was in years of service the oldest employee of the college. He knew the name of practically every living graduate of the college. In recent years he matriculated sons and daughters of scores of former graduates whom he knew when they attended the college.

Dr. Roshier W. Miller, professor emeritus of materia medica and therapeutics, was fatally injured in an automobile collision near Petersburg July 14. Doctor Miller in 1894 entered the University College of Medicine and after graduation taught pharmacy, chemistry, and nervous and mental diseases.

Leroy Jackson, who joined the MCV family in November, 1928, was killed by a train July 22. He worked in the Anatomy Department and was well liked by all of his colleagues. His death was not only a loss to the department but also to the college of which he was so proud and for which he gave so much of his life.