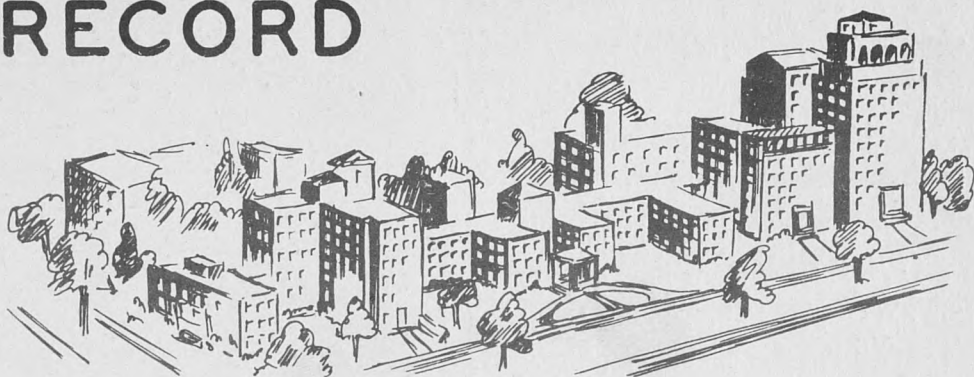


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THANKSGIVING IN AMERICA



It is common knowledge to all Americans that our forefathers of this new world faced innumerable hardships and discouragements. These elements have continued to be with us from the first landing of the Pilgrims unto this day; however, the spirit of gratitude expressed at Plymouth has never lost its glow.

Gratitude is a capacity, and like all capacities, it can be expanded; it is a gift, and like all gifts, it can be lost. Following an action by the United States Congress, President George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789, as the first national Thanksgiving Day. Each year we hear another presidential proclamation, but that alone is not enough.



Gratitude is vitally related to personal happiness. A thankful spirit does not depend upon the amount of our possessions or the prominence of our position. Whether or not we go our way rejoicing depends largely on what items in daily living we allow our minds to dwell upon, and the attitude we have toward our fellowmen. This makes a true spirit of thanksgiving very personal, and we might add - a little difficult.



There are people today who would say that there is no point in having a time for thanksgiving. Each generation has produced such folk. We discover, after all, however, that our own personal attitudes will determine the degree of thanksgiving we are to have on November 22, 1951.

- The Chaplain

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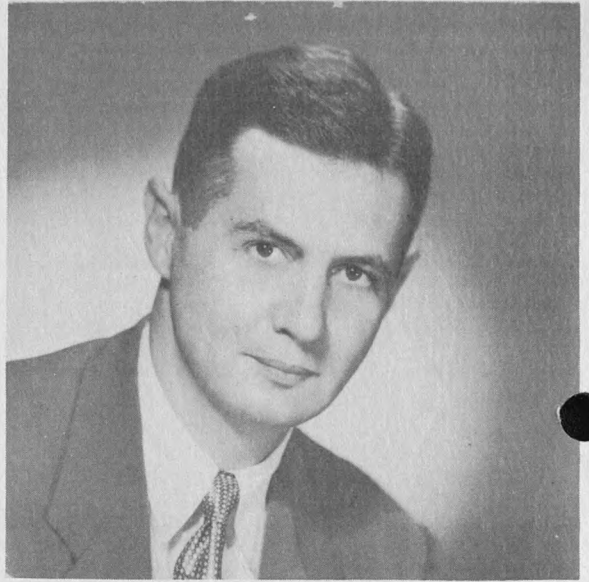
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MADAME PYN VISITS MEDICAL CENTER

MRS. CHAMNONG BINBAKYA of Thailand (Siam) was a guest at the Medical Center from November 5-6. She was accompanied by MRS. JANEJIRA BROWANAKUL, also of Thailand

The two women came to the Medical Center as members of an exchange program provided for under the terms of a contract between Washington University and the Economic Cooperation Administration. This contract calls for a cooperative teaching program between the Medical School here and the two medical schools in Bangkok, Thailand. A number of staff members from the Medical Center have established residence in Bangkok and are teaching in the medical schools there, and, in turn, sixteen Thailand doctors have come to the Medical Center here for advanced training and study. The exchange includes nurses, medical technicians and nurse anesthetists as well as physicians.

Mrs. Binbakya, who is called by her honorary title of MADAME PYN, is Director of the School of Nursing at the University of Medical Science of Thailand at Bangkok. Her father was surgeon to the King of Thailand and her husband is now Dean of one of the medical schools in Bangkok. Prior to receiving her nurse's training at Children's Hospital in Boston, Madame Pyn attended teacher's college in New York City. Before coming to St. Louis, she

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DR. CARLA A. MOYER ASSUMES DUTIES

DR. CARL ALFRED MOYER has recently assumed his duties as Bixby Professor of Surgery and head of the department of surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine, and Chief of Surgery at the Barnes Group of hospitals. He succeeds DR. EVARTS A. GRAHAM who is now professor emeritus of surgery.

Dr. Moyer, before his appointment here, was professor of surgery and dean of the Southwestern Medical College in Dallas, Texas, and is well known for his scientific work on anesthesia, respiration and the physiology of electrolyte and fluid balance.

Born in Baraga, Michigan, Dr. Moyer holds the A.B. degree from Northern Michigan State Teacher's College, and his M.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He took additional work at Harvard University in 1940-41 as a National Research fellow.

He started his professional career as a teaching assistant at the Teacher's College while in school there, then was assistant in the departments of physiology, anatomy and pharmacology at the University of Michigan while earning his advanced degrees.

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STUDENTS OF CLASS OF JUNE 1951 RECEIVE CAPS

In an impressive candlelight ceremony held in Graham Memorial Chapel on the Campus of Washington University on November 9, twenty-five students of the Class of June, 1951, received their caps, denoting that they had successfully completed five months of pre-clinical training. The much coveted caps were presented by MISS LOUISE KNAPP, Director of the School of Nursing, who also gave a short talk. A brief musical program was presented by members of the class, and afterwards an informal reception for the students and their families was held in the lounge of the Nurses' Residence.

The caps which the young women received that night are badges of their school which they will carry with them many years after graduation. Have you ever wondered

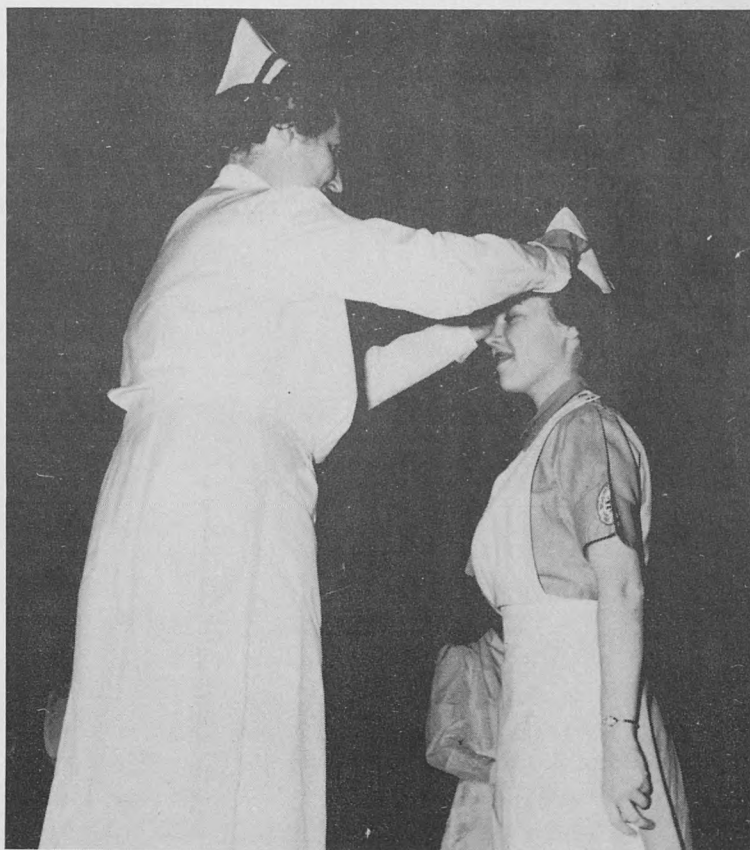
about the diminutive white headgear being worn by the nurses throughout Barnes? Have you ever wondered about the many styles, sizes and shapes? In our large Medical Center we have a ringside seat at what has been termed an all-time "hat parade," because each of the 1200 nursing schools in the United States (many of which are represented here) has its own individual cap worn proudly by its graduates as trademarks of their respective schools.

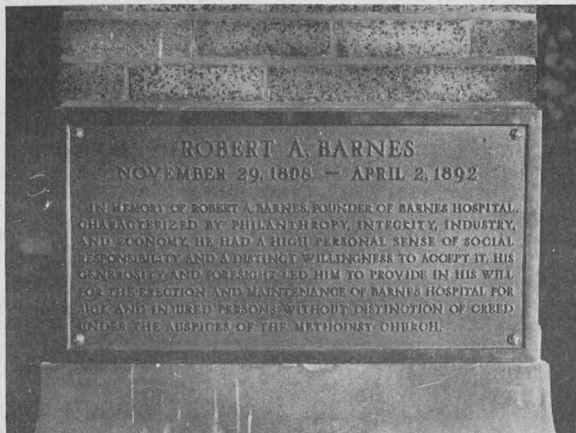
Florence Nightingale started the tradition of capping when she founded the first training school for nurses back in 1860. Miss Nightingale's students wore lacy little hats modeled after the beribboned bed caps being worn by stylish ladies of that day. She, herself, wore a close fitting white cap of lace over which she tied a large white crepe handkerchief.

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In the traditional capping ceremony held on November 9 in Graham Memorial Chapel on the campus of Washington University, MISS LOUISE KNAPP, Director of the School of Nursing, places the cherished cap upon the head of student nurse, ELAINE PINNICK.

(Photograph through courtesy of Vincent Price Studios.)





PLAQUES HONORING ROBERT BARNES AND FRANK RAND

In October, bronze plaques were placed on two columns at the main entrance to Barnes in memory of ROBERT A. BARNES, founder of Barnes Hospital, and FRANK C. RAND, benefactor of Barnes Hospital and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for twenty-seven years. These plaques were placed there at

BARNES WEATHERED THE STORM

Question of the day on November 6 - "How did you get to work today?" And there was a variety of answers - some walked, some hitch-hiked, some managed to board a public service vehicle after an eternity of waiting - but for the most part, everyone got here, although on that snowy day weather records for the past thirty-nine years were shattered.

The Administration wishes to thank all the employees of the Barnes Group for the very sincere effort put forth by each one. This resulted in a very low rate of absenteeism and tardiness during the recent crisis and enabled us to maintain adequate care for our patients.

Stern Father (Sarcastically): "Say, young man, it's past midnight. Do you think you can stay with my daughter all night?"

"Gosh, I reckon so, Sir, if you insist. But I'll have to phone Mother first."



the direction of the Board of Trustees who wanted, in some way, to honor the memories of the two men who did so much to further the growth and development of Barnes Hospital. At the emergency entrance at the rear of the hospital an additional plaque has been placed in memory of JAMES L. WESTLAKE, donor of our emergency division.

ALBERT KELLER ELECTED DIRECTOR OF SMU

MR. ALBERT M. KELLER, President of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital, has recently been elected a director of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. He succeeds the late ARTHUR G. DREFS, who was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital.

W.U. NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR BAZAAR

On December 6, the Washington University Nurses Alumnae Association will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar in the lounge of the Nurses' Residence.

Included in the merchandise for sale will be knitted goods, toys, embroidered work, and other handmade articles, all of which will be donated. Refreshments will be sold throughout the afternoon and evening.

Proceeds from the bazaar will be used to purchase a gift for the Nursing School. All interested persons are invited to attend.

DR. VILRAY P. BLAIR, SURGEON EXTRAORDINARY

This month we pay tribute to a man whose accomplishments have added much to the growth and reputation of Barnes Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine. DR. VILRAY P. BLAIR, world famous plastic surgeon, and presently, associate surgeon emeritus on our staff, has contributed many brilliant chapters in the history of modern medicine.

Born in St. Louis of a prominent French family, Dr. Blair came by his medical aptitude naturally. His grandfather, DR.



TIMOTHY LOISEL PAPIN, was a distinguished physician, and family influence was strong on the young man to follow in his grandfather's illustrious footsteps. Dr. Blair was not particularly scholarly and was in the habit of playing hookey from school whenever the opportunity presented itself. Despite this, he graduated from Christian Brothers' College with a B.S. degree in 1890 and enrolled at the old St. Louis University Medical College, which, the year of his graduation, became the Washington University School of Medicine. His carefree attitude toward education per-

sisted in his med school days, because, in addition to "ditching" any courses he found uninteresting, he skipped the entire second year of his training. This year he spent stringing telephone wires in the Colorado Rockies. Dr. Blair gives much credit for his being able to get his medical education in the manner that he did to his surgery professor, the brilliant E. H. GREGORY.

Dr. Blair served his internship at St. Louis Mullanphy Hospital from 1893-95 and about that time received a master's degree from Christian Brothers, his old alma mater.

After some six years of performing what was at that time considered revolutionary types of surgery (plastic operations), Dr. Blair went abroad for a rest, and experienced some of the most colorful and exciting incidents of his career as ship's surgeon on an English vessel during the Boer War. This job took him from Europe to South America, to Africa. On a trip up one of the rivers in Africa, he contracted malaria and as a result, he wrote his first paper, "Malaria and Blackwater Fever." He has written scores of papers since, each notable not only for their scientific content, but also for the fluid and interesting way in which they were written.

The illness contracted on the West African jaunt necessitated Dr. Blair's return to the States where he accepted a position with DR. WILLARD BARTLETT. It was shortly afterwards that he married MISS KATHRYN LYMAN JOHNSON, the daughter of a noted St. Louis doctor. They are now the parents of five children.

After his marriage, Dr. Blair started developing his private practice and taught and counseled in both Washington University's Medical School and School of Dentistry. At Washington University he served as Associate Professor in anatomy and within the next ten years, he became

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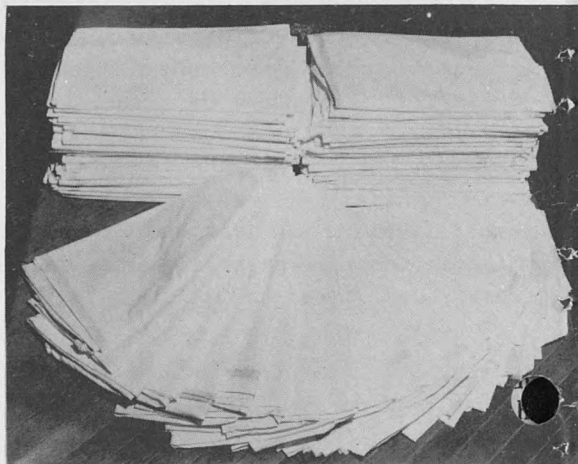
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Associate both in surgery and clinical surgery at the Medical School. In June of 1917, he took a leave of absence from his various duties to join the Medical Corps of the United States Army, where he soon became Chief for the Section of Oral and Plastic Surgery. At the time of his discharge, prior to which he had taken active part in the battles of Chateau-Thierry and the Argonne, Dr. Blair held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He remained in the Reserve Medical Corps and served as attending surgeon in plastic surgery at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital until 1946.

The days following his release from the Army were busy ones. His private practice had grown by leaps and bounds and he almost singlehandedly organized the American Board of Plastic Surgery. In addition to his post as Associate Surgeon at the three hospitals of the Barnes Group, Dr. Blair was also appointed Honorary Staff Member and Visiting Surgeon at De Paul, St. Lukes and the St. Louis Mullanphy Hospitals. He continued his teaching as Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Medical School and Professor of Oral Surgery at the Dental School.

In the years that followed, he continued to make rapid strides in the field of plastic surgery, meanwhile influencing and training younger men, giving them generous cooperation as well as instruction. Today these men are, as SUMNER L. KOCH phrased it, "passing on the torch and bringing increasing credit to their preceptor." At the present time Dr. Blair has retired from his posts, but his influence is still felt strongly. MIRIAM TUCKER, in her article on Dr. Blair entitled "The Reluctant Surgeon" appearing in POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE, sums up Dr. Blair's accomplishments in this manner: "For his surgical brilliance and courage, for his humor, for

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

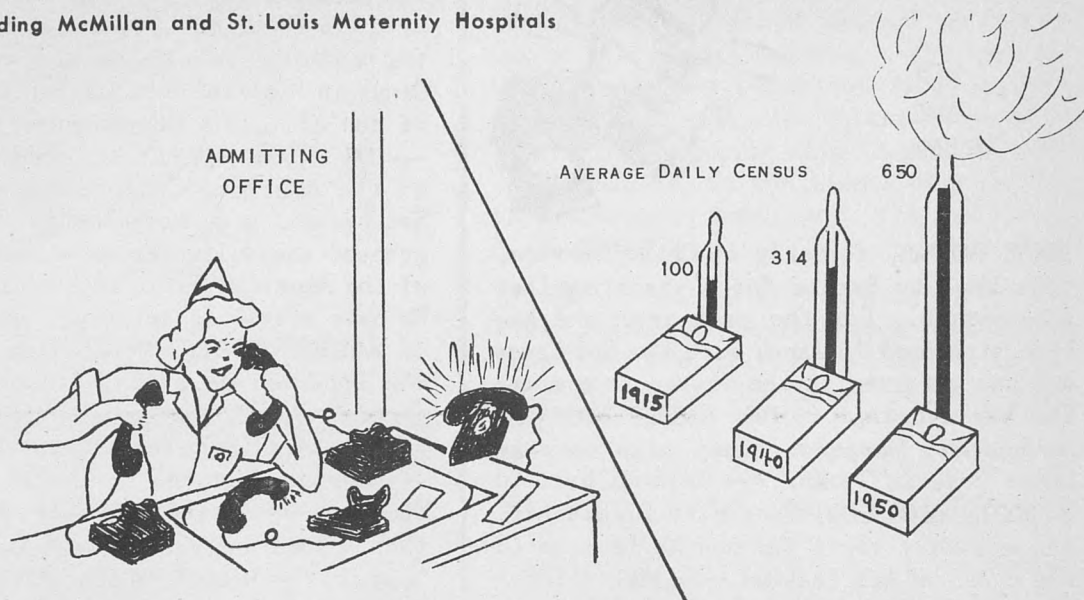
Did you know that the Barnes Hospital Group maintains a supply of some 5600 sheets in order to meet its requirements? Each patient is issued at least one clean sheet per day - oftentimes more - add to this the enormous number of extra sheets which are needed for examinations, surgery and other medical procedures, and it is easy to understand why such a large supply must be kept on hand. For those of you who like statistics, these sheets, if laid end to end, would extend for over nine and one-half miles!

Due to the tremendous volume of patients, and requests for hospital beds during the past few years, the personnel in our admitting offices have been working under difficult and trying conditions in an attempt to serve as many patients as possible. We take off our hats to our admitting personnel, and want our staff doctors and patients to understand and appreciate the abnormal conditions they may encounter when they attempt to reserve a bed in the hospital. Consequently, we have prepared the letter on the following page which will be sent to our doctors and patients as a public relations measure.

What do you think of it?

BARNES HOSPITAL

Including McMillan and St. Louis Maternity Hospitals



For the past few years we have had such a volume of patients and requests for hospital beds that it has created abnormal conditions in our admitting offices. All of our admitting personnel have worked at top speed to handle the high volume of patients offered. As a result, every day we are unable to meet the demand.

The men and women in our admitting offices are trying their best under these conditions to give you the service you deserve.

With the highest hospital census in the history of the hospital and an extensive waiting list of patients, the hospital's inability to accept all requests for admission to the hospital underscores the critical lack of hospital beds in this hospital which ranks among leading hospitals in the United States. Despite the serious shortage of accommodations, the hospital, through careful planning and active cooperation of doctors, has been able to admit a few more patients each succeeding year, although bed capacity has remained the same.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding and to let you know we really appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Cordially,

F. R. Bradley
F. R. Bradley, M.D.
Director

ON
THE
SCENE



IRENE PAPPAS, formerly of Chest Service, came back to Barnes for a visit earlier this month. For the past year she has been stationed in Japan with the Red Cross and has returned to the States to prepare for her marriage to DR. SIDNEY STOVALL, Orthopedic Surgeon. They plan to make their home in Texas. --- Welcome back to SAMANTHA ROBINSON, Maternity Dishwasher, who was away for a few months because of the death of her husband. --- MRS. CORNELIA KNOWLES has the heartfelt sympathy of everyone on the sudden death of her husband, DR. ROY KNOWLES, on November 7. --- Barnes Hospital was represented by a booth at a food show sponsored by the St. Louis Dietetic Association on November 12-13. Subject of our booth was "Various Caloric Values of Foods." --- HARRY E. PANHORST has recently returned from a trip to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton, Ohio, where he visited with FRED MARSHALL and CHARLES GOFF, Administrative Interns, members of the Class of June, 1952. --- They're calling Comptroller WILLIAM ANDERSON "Mighty Hunter" these days due to his having bagged himself a deer during the season earlier this month. --- VIRGINIA ALLINGHAM, surgical nurse who recently graduated from the Washington University School of Nursing, has left the staff to join her husband in Germany where he is stationed in the military service. --- It was a treat to see DEAN DANIELEY when he paid us a visit recently. Dean, who was a member of the Maintenance crew, was on emergency furlough from the Army because of the serious illness of his father. --- DELORES SWINGLER, Pantry Maid, has recently announced her engagement to

CHARLES DOSS. Wedding bells are scheduled for December 22. --- TERRY YATES, Administrative Resident, spent a few days in Indianapolis where he accompanied the Class in Hospital Administration on a tour of the Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company. --- DR. FRANK BRADLEY attended the meeting of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco on November 5. Dr. Bradley greeted the delegates as a representative of the American Hospital Association. --- We have a star in our midst in the person of MARLENE HUNTER, Metabolism Dietitian who appeared on TV on November 8 on the program, "Meet the Ladies." She appeared in behalf of "Diabetic Detection Week." --- Our condolences to CARRIE GUNN, Bake Shop employee, who recently lost her father. The funeral was held in La Grange, Georgia. --- OPAL BLACKSHER, Telephone Operator, surprised everyone with her recent marriage to FRANK RICHTER. On October 26, the girls in the Telephone Office gave a party for her and presented her with a gift.

The despondent old gentlemen emerged from his club and climbed stiffly into his limousine.

"Where to sir?" asked the chauffeur, respectfully.

"Drive off a cliff, James," the old gentlemen replied. "I'm committing suicide."

Lady buying a fur coat: "And can I wear this fur coat in the rain without hurting it?"

Smart Alec Salesman: "Madame, have you ever seen a skunk carrying an umbrella?"

The ship was sinking and the captain called all hands aft. "Who among you can pray?" he asked.

"I can," replied an ensign.

"Then pray shipmate," ordered the captain. "The rest of you put on life jackets, we're one short!"

A PAIR OF NYLONS, A TEDDY BEAR OR A HOT FUDGE SUNDAE - YOU CAN GET THEM ALL IN BARNES DRUG STORE!

If a poll were taken to determine the most popular spot in Barnes Hospital, odds are ten to one the Drug Store, owned and operated by the hospital, would come out on top. It is here that one forgets the surrounding hospital and revels in the aroma of frying hamburgers, Chanel Number 5 and new magazines. It is here that one can do a large part of his Christmas shopping and at the same time get the best hot fudge sundae in town. The Drug Store,

meeting place for visitors and employees alike, at times has the atmosphere of a busy department store, serving some three to five thousand customers every day.

LUCILLE BRADLEY, Manager of the Drug Store, claims that the fountain and sundries department do the largest volume of business. In addition, all sales made in the connecting Pharmacy are rung up by the Drug Store cashiers. All the latest periodicals are available in the Drug Store with Life and the Saturday Evening Post leading the parade in sales. The gift counter always does a thriving business and is by far the most glamorous part of

At the gift counter, LUCILLE BRADLEY, Drug Store Manager, displays her wares to GEN GEORGE, Accounting. (P.S. - she made the sale!)



The cashier's counter is the hub of activity in the Drug Store, some three to five thousand transactions taking place there daily. BEULAH RUTH, Personnel Physician's Office, purchases her daily paper from CAROLINE CROOKS as MAXINE BORGSCHULTE arranges the candy display rack.



Biggest selling items in the fountain-grill, supervised by ILSE NAGEL, are cokes and coffee. Open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., it requires fourteen full and part time employees to staff the fountain.

the Drug Store.

Open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., the Drug Store employs twenty-one people, both full and part time. Fourteen of these employees work in the fountain-grill on various shifts. The Drug Store is non-competitive and is operated strictly as a service to visitors and employees.

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The original idea of the nurse's cap was functional rather than decorative and was worn for the purpose of keeping 1860 hair styles in place. With the growth of nursing schools, there came a typically womanly desire to create a mark of distinction among graduates. The uniform had become more or less standardized, but with the cap it was different -- and so today we see caps resembling anything from a baby bonnet to a mortar board. The cap is now considered the most attractive and cherished part of the uniform.

Compared with some of the mad-hatter creations representing some of the schools, the cap with its little pointed crown worn by Washington University graduates seems

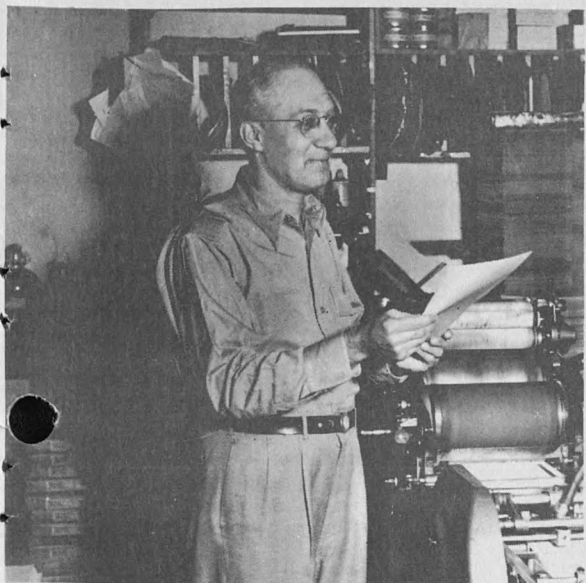
DR. CARL A. MOYER ASSUMES DUTIES

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In 1941 he was appointed instructor in surgery at Southwestern Medical College in Dallas, and about two years ago he was appointed to the position of dean of the school. He assumed his new duties in our Medical Center on October 1.

Dr. Moyer is a family man, he and his attractive wife, Alice, being the parents of three children, two boys and one girl ranging in age from six to eleven. He likes to read and has a very diversified taste in literature. He speaks French and German and is now studying Spanish in his free time. When he was working his way through medical school, one of his favorite methods of earning a little extra money was to serve as guide to hunting parties, and he still has the reputation for "drawing a bead on a wild turkey at one hundred yards" when he has time to get away for some hunting. He also likes to putter around in his garden trying to grow flowers and vegetables.

quite simple, but they are enthusiastic about being able to fold it flat - as one graduate remarked, they can put it in their purse or even use it as a bookmark!



▶ BARNES PERSONALITY

▶ In the past twenty-two years, CHARLES LAMBERT, Printer, has turned out literally tons of printed material for use at Barnes from his little shop on the ground floor. This month we are particularly happy to present Mr. Lambert as our Barnes Personality because of his sincere interest and effort in helping to get out each issue of the HOSPITAL RECORD.

▶ Over the din of his machines, Mr. Lambert revealed that he is a native of St. Louis and has spent all his life here. He got into the printing game at the early age of fourteen, learning his trade in a little shop which specialized in the printing of menus. In the intervening years between this first job and his arrival at Barnes, Lambert proved his versatility by holding down a variety of jobs ranging from that of printer at International Shoe Company, to inspector at the Cupples Tire Company and maintenance man, painter and shipping clerk at a dry cleaning company. He started at Barnes in March, 1929, as a page in the Admitting Office, and after seven years, became our printer.

He and his wife Pearl are the parents of two children, Lillian, the mother of his

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spent several weeks in Helsinki, Finland, and at present is touring the United States visiting other medical centers to become acquainted with their facilities. During her brief visit, Madame Pyn spent much time in the Washington University School of Nursing, studying the administration of the school, the rotation of students and the nursing service administration. She also visited in the hospitals in the Group.

Madame Pyn and Mrs. Browanakul were honored at an after dinner coffee hour in the Nurses' Residence at 7:00 p.m. on November 8. At this informal gathering of student nurses, graduates, and other interested guests, the two women told of their experiences in nursing at Bangkok, and discussed Siamese customs and their own reactions to our American customs.

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his modesty, for his ability to teach, and his willingness to befriend young men, for his sheer physical presence, Dr. Blair has become that rare thing, a legend in his own time."

two fine grandsons, and Orville, who is familiar to many of us as one of the employees over in the Store Room. Mr. Lambert expresses a fondness for fishing and hunting in the Ozarks, television, action movies and gooey pastries. He maintains that his long record of service at Barnes is due mainly to his liking his work and the people with whom he comes in contact during the course of his job.

"I want you to know, my dear, you're the first girl I've ever made love to," he said as he shifted the gears with his feet.



DO YOU REMEMBER - - - -

the twelve years that the hospital floors of Mc Millan stood incomplete and unused? This shot looking north down one of the unfinished corridors was taken in 1943 as completion of the interior got underway.

Mc Millan Hospital and the Oscar Johnson Institute was built in 1931 from a bequest

A young father was telling a group of friends what a bad time he had when his baby was born. Finally a young matron inquired, "Who had that baby, anyway?" The young man nodded toward his wife. "She did," he answered, "but she had an anesthetic.

Little boy to parents, hurrying to car, with suitcase -- "What do I do if the stork comes while you are gone?"

to Washington University by MRS. ELIZA MC MILLAN. Available funds permitted completion only of the exterior, facilities for out-patients and the upper three research floors; the hospital floors were not finished until 1943 when an F.W.A. grant permitted completion and equipping of the hospital.

A mother while applying cleansing cream to her face was approached by her son entering the bedroom. "Mother, why are you putting that cream on your face?" The mother smilingly replied, "It's to make mother pretty, son." At the same time she began to wipe the cream off, with tissue. The boy surprisingly looked up and said, "It didn't work, did it, mother."