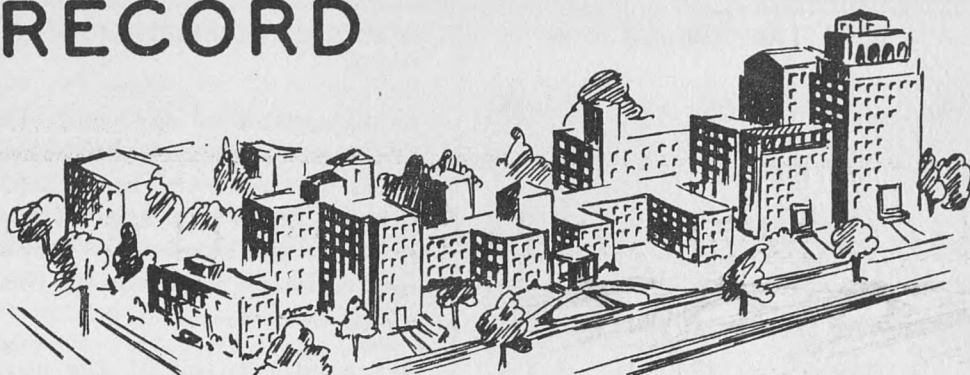


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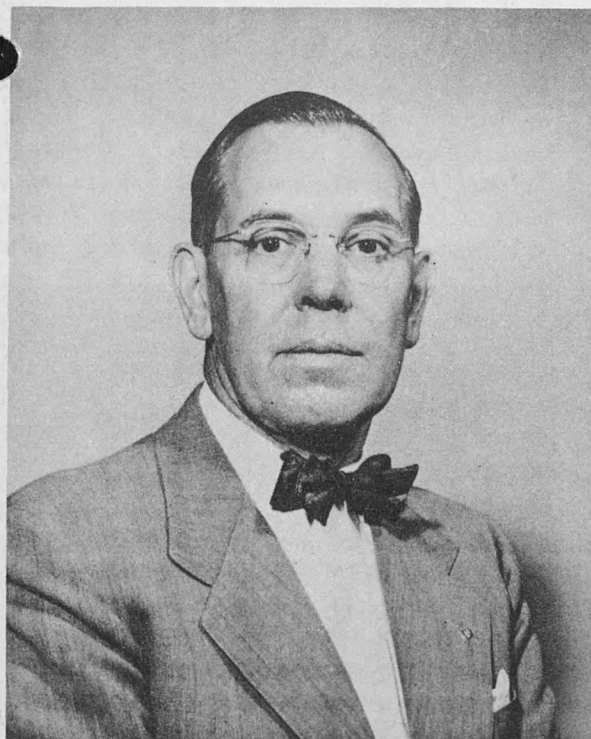
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### DR. BRADLEY INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of the Barnes Medical Center, was installed as President of the American Hospital Association on September 16, at the organization's annual convention which was held at the Palmer House in Chicago.



Dr. Bradley received his M.D. degree from Washington University in 1928. He joined the staff at Barnes Hospital a short time after completing his internship at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital. Dr. Bradley was appointed Director of Barnes Hospital in 1939. He is also Director of the Department and Professor of Hospital Administration at Washington University. In 1943, he received an honorary LLD degree from Central College at Fayette, Missouri.

Dr. Bradley has served in official capacities in many medical organizations and is a Past President of the American College of Hospital Administrators. He also served as President of the Missouri Hospital Association in 1939 and 1943.

All of us offer Dr. Bradley our sincerest congratulations.

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FROM THE



EDITOR'S DESK

Are you getting as much enjoyment and satisfaction from your job as it offers you? Many of us do not look deeply enough into our work to thoroughly understand it. To us it is simply and fundamentally something that we do daily in order to maintain our livelihood. However, this train of thought can readily be revised and improved. It is true that the majority of us are required to work; but, at the same time, to get the most out of life, we must achieve a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment in our jobs. Many times this feeling comes easily to you in your work; and yet, there are times when you are required to search for it.

A hospital offers a multitude of diversified positions through which the employee can feel he is doing something constructive and worthwhile, something that is of service to his fellowmen. For no matter in which department of the hospital we might be employed, our job is of great importance in the care of the patient. When we learn the importance of our positions, they seem to take on a new meaning. By working in a hospital, we have been

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## NURSERIES RECEIVE NEW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS

Installation of air conditioning in the premature nursery and four regular nurseries has recently been completed in Maternity Hospital. Two of the units were gifts to the hospital. They were donated by Mr. Ralph Morrison of Disco Distributing Company.

Air conditioning of the nurseries is a great time saving device for the nursing staff since it eliminates the need of opening and closing windows in an attempt to keep the rooms at an even temperature. This also makes for greater cleanliness and sanitation through the elimination of dust formerly present due to the open windows.

## NEW PARKING AREA AVAILABLE FOR VISITING STAFF MEMBERS

A recently completed parking lot is available to the part time visiting staff members in our medical center. The new parking area is located between Washington University Clinics and Renard Hospital and will accommodate approximately 40 cars. All employees and full time staff members will continue to use the parking areas located at Euclid and Audubon Avenues.

These original parking areas were recently remarked and an additional section surfaced to provide approximately 50 more parking spaces for staff members and employees of our medical center.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SEPTEMBER 26

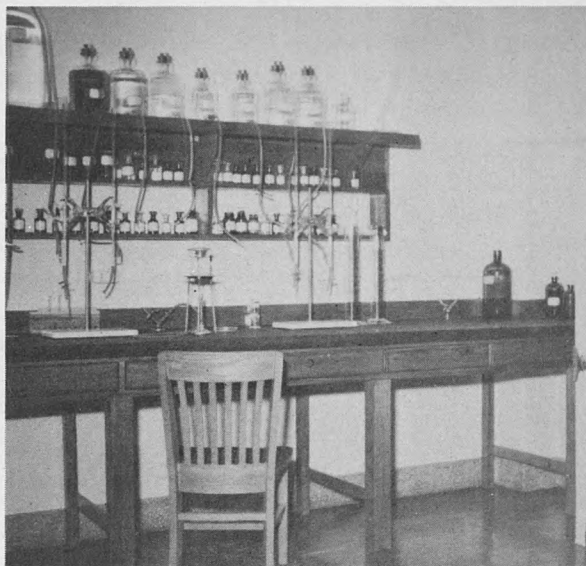
At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 26, all clocks will be turned back one hour and the St. Louis area residents will be able to get that extra hour's sleep that they lost last spring.

We urge all employees to observe this change in time so that the hospital schedules will not be disrupted.

## 3400 REMODELED FOR MEDICAL STUDENT TRAINING

To stimulate and assist in the advancement of studies in modern medicine, Barnes recently completed the remodeling of 3400 nursing division. This will enable the students of Washington University School of Medicine to receive more clinical instruction in this center and more individual instruction as our house staff on private medicine will now participate in this teaching program in addition to the higher concentration of attending staff here. Both students and private physicians will benefit by spending less time commuting between Barnes and St. Louis City Hospital for clinical practices and conferences. The junior students taking the medical clerkship each trimester will spend one-half of the trimester at Barnes and the other one-half at City Hospital where previously the entire program was held. Therefore, approximately 15 students will be assigned to the private medical service of Barnes at one time. These students will be divided into two groups who will use the two new laboratory and conference rooms on 3400.

*Shown below is the new kitchen for airline food service on 3400.*



*Shown above is a portion of one of the new student laboratory-conference rooms.*

The teaching service was made possible by the renovation of two rooms as combination laboratory and conference rooms. These will be used by the house staff and attending physicians for clinical conferences with the students. The students will also use these for performing selected laboratory determinations for the patients and for writing histories and physical examinations. This space was made available by extending airline food service to this area, thus eliminating need for the floor kitchen. This area and an adjoining semi-private room were converted to provide the two laboratory-conference rooms. These rooms are equipped with tables for writing and laboratory work. At the time of this remodeling, the patient rooms on "3400 inside" were also renovated. Asphalt tile flooring and new lighting fixtures were installed throughout the division.

This is the first time that private or semi-private medical patients of Barnes  
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BARNES AND WOHL OFFICES CONSOLIDATE  
-- C. O. Vermillion, M.D.

For many years there has been discussion of consolidation of various Admitting and Credit offices in this Center. This is in keeping with the centralization which already exists for many departments, such as Personnel, Dietary, Housekeeping, Maintenance, etc. The advantages of such centralization for registration and billing have become even more pronounced recently because of the increase of third party guarantors, such as United Mine Workers, Blue Cross, governmental agencies, etc. With a separate Admitting Office and a separate Credit Office for each unit in this center, it has been necessary for many different people to know all the details of all these third party plans, both with regard to registration and billing. It was therefore decided that a trial centralization follow-up billing was advisable in the hope that it would produce or economize in terms of personnel, increased efficiency and establish uniform practices among the various units of this center.

As a part of this plan, the Credit Office of Wohl was consolidated with that of Barnes on September 8th. Personnel of both offices were brought together into one group. At the same time, the billing procedure and handling of accounts for patients in Barnes and Wohl was separated into two logical entities of patients presently in the house and discharged patients. The accounts on in-patients are now handled in the Patients Accounts Office which occupies the area in the lobby of Barnes formerly devoted to insurance and Blood Bank secretaries. Accounts of discharged patients are still handled in the Credit Office of Barnes. Although many problems were encountered in the coordinating of two separate offices with their different files of patient ac-

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DIETARY RESIDENTS AND INTERNS COMPLETE  
TRAINING

On August 30, twenty-two young ladies received certificates for successful completion of a one year dietary internship at Barnes Hospital. Five residents in hospital dietetics also received certificates. The following received certificates for completion of their residency:

Eleanor Childers  
Patricia Lockhart  
Barbara Lockwood  
Velma Pereboom  
Mary Ward

The following received certificates and pins for completion of their internship:

Mildred Bullington  
Mary Farrell  
Patricia Gollaher  
Virginia Gray  
Joan Groves  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Elsie Ishida  
Freddia Jackson  
Norma Janes  
Lilley Marvin  
Joan Luck  
Lois Mattson  
Shakuntala Mall  
Paula Massey  
Jacqueline Morris  
Barbara Phelan  
Louise Sanders  
Phyllis Smith  
Ann Wrape  
Lena Williams  
Katherine Steinauer  
Mary Shaffer

The graduation ceremonies were held in the dining room of Wohl Hospital where Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes Medical Center, spoke to the graduates and their guests. The ceremonies were followed by a short reception.

## 1954 AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

Up to 10 million persons can begin to earn social security protection as of January 1, 1955. The new amendments bring some kinds of work under the law for the first time and change the requirements to include more people in certain other kinds of work. Brought under the law for the first time are self-employed farmers; clergymen, if they elect to come under the law; self-employed professional people, including professional engineers, architects, accountants, funeral directors, but not physicians, dentists, lawyers, osteopaths, veterinarians, chiropractors, optometrists or naturopaths.

Brought under the law in greater numbers than before are hired farm workers, household workers, employees of state or local governments, employees of the federal government, citizens employed outside the United States if the parent organization agrees to pay all of the social security tax, employed fishermen, and people who work for business firms but do the work at home.

People now getting old-age and survivors insurance payments will have their monthly checks increased beginning with the September check due early in October, 1954. They do not need to apply for these increases--the checks will be increased automatically under the law. The minimum payment of \$25 to a retired worker has been raised to \$30, and the maximum payment of \$85 has gone up to \$98.50 per month.

Families of retired workers and survivors of those who have died will also get increases. The minimum amount payable monthly to one survivor will be \$30.

People who start getting old-age and survivors insurance payments in the future will get higher benefits than they would have received under the old law. The in-

creases will not be figured in the same way as the increases to families already receiving monthly checks.

Under the new law a worker's retirement payment is figured by taking 55 percent of the first \$110 of his average monthly earnings and adding 20 percent of the next \$240 of his average earnings. Family benefits cannot exceed 80 percent of the worker's average monthly earnings, or \$200, whichever is less.

Under the old law only the first \$3600 of earnings in a year could be counted toward benefits. The new law covers earnings up to \$4200 in a year.

Under the old law your average earnings could be pulled down by years in which you had low earnings or no earnings at all. If you first become eligible for old-age insurance benefits after August, 1954, or have 1½ years of covered work after June, 1953, or if you meet certain other requirements, up to 4 of these low-income years can be dropped out in figuring your average earnings. If you have had 5 or more years of covered work, one more year can be dropped out.

Beginning January 1, 1955, workers under 72 years of age who are already receiving benefits can continue to receive payments even though they earn as much as \$1200 a year. Workers over 72 may accept the checks regardless of the amount of their earnings.

If you are totally disabled and have been totally disabled over a period of 6 months or more, you may apply beginning in January, 1955, to have your earnings record "frozen" during the period of your disability to protect your benefit rights and your benefit amount. If you should become totally disabled in the future, your earn-  
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#### KNOW YOUR STAFF

When Mr. Virgil Fittje came to Barnes as an intern in the Course of Hospital Administration the entire medical center was quite familiar to him. He worked here in the central supply division for a year prior to entering Washington University and worked part time in the medical record department while a student in the Course in Hospital Administration.

Mr. Fittje was born in St. Louis and received his early schooling here. He attended Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri, where he received his B.A. degree. During his senior year there he was president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and also served as treasurer during his junior year.

It seems that steak is Mr. Fittje's choice in the food line while ice skating tops his list in the sports world and his favorite form of relaxation is reading classical literature. He also likes to travel when his schedule will allow. Following a month's honeymoon in Nassau, (Continued on Page 9)

#### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED BY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Because there is a critical shortage of volunteer drivers to take patients to hospitals and clinics such as ours, September 21, was designated as T-Day for the recruitment of volunteer drivers by the Volunteer Service Bureau of the Social Planning Council. "The Gift of a Lift" is all that is asked of individuals willing to pick up patients at their homes, drive them to the hospital or clinic, and return them to their homes after the needed medical service has been given.

Co-chairmen of T (for transportation) Day, are Mrs. Sidney I. Rothschild, Jr., Vice-chairman of the Volunteer Service Bureau, and Mrs. R. Z. Alexander, Chairman of the Bureau's Transportation Service Committee.

In announcing the need for volunteers, Mrs. Rothschild cited a typical case of a patient whose recovery from cancer depends upon X-Ray therapy for 15 minutes each day over a six week period. The patient, discharged from the hospital, is physically unable to use public transportation but still requires 30 to 36 trips to a clinic or hospital for therapy. Patients having no friends or relatives who could assume the burden for consistent transportation, would be faced with a taxi bill of between \$120 and \$144. Since most clients cannot assume such an expense, the volunteer driver is the only alternative.

Any volunteer willing to give "The Gift of a Lift" to patients being served by this and other hospitals, are urged to get in touch with the Volunteer Service Bureau, 505 North Seventh Street, GARfield 1-2600.

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*Lorgnette: French name for a dirty look you can hold in your hand.*

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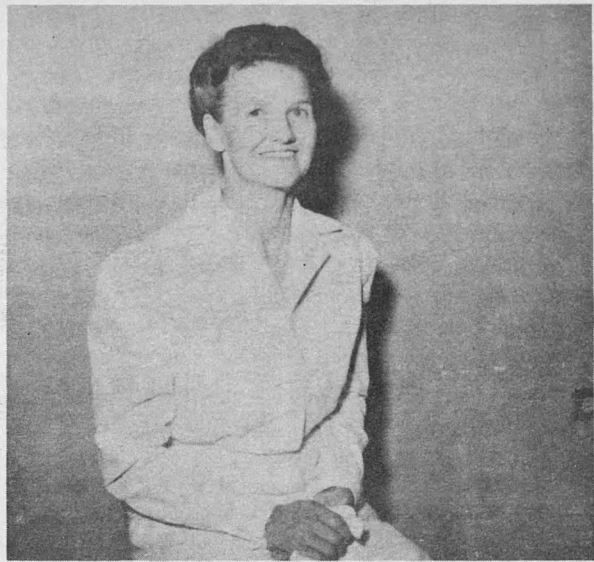
*To err is human, to forgive is exceptional.*

## STUDENT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Wohl dining room was the scene of graduation exercises held on August 25, for five students who successfully completed a one year course in Medical Technology. The following students received diplomas:

Sevelia Allen  
Suzanne McKenzie  
Joan Moore  
Mary Ann Pexa  
Nell Worthen

Dr. Carl Harford, Associate Professor of Medicine, talked to the graduates and their guests. Dr. C. O. Vermillion, Associate Director of Barnes Hospital, presented the diplomas.



### PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Last month was a special one for Doris Young, Nursery Assistant in Maternity Hospital. She passed the final test to receive her citizenship papers and on August 12, she celebrated her sixth year of service in our medical center.

Mrs. Young was born in Loddington, England, and lived in various sections of Great Britain until March of 1948, when she came to St. Louis. She came here to be with her two daughters who had married St. Louis boys during the war. When she came to work here six months later it was only natural that she would be placed in the nursery since her entire working career had consisted of caring for new born infants. Doris had worked on maternity cases for private doctors for 24 years and is accredited with delivering approximately 200 babies prior to her arrival in the States.

Doris will long be remembered by many of our student nurses. Once each year she plays hostess at a dinner party for the graduating class. Doris never has any worries about what to serve at the dinner since her husband is a former chef; she  
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## BARNES AND WOHL OFFICES CONSOLIDATE (Continued from Page 4)

Accounts, the entire procedure was accomplished within a few days' time, and it settled down into the new routine within a week. It is anticipated that during October, the accounts on discharged patients of Maternity Hospital will similarly be consolidated as the next step in this program. Unless unforeseen difficulties develop, the goal is to achieve complete centralization of all Credit Offices in this center before the completion of Renard Hospital so that a separate division for patient accounts in Renard Hospital is not necessary.

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given the opportunity to serve in the capacity for which we are best qualified. It makes us appreciate and enjoy our work much more to know that each of us in our own way is assisting the sick and injured members of our community.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by

GEORGE BOWLES



There is a long list of everyday virtues that we treasure in a very unusual way, for they have meaning in the lives that we are privileged to live. Any one of us could make his own list. The lists would not be exactly the same, but it is likely that many would include one we call gratitude.

Gratitude is nothing more nor less than a spirit of appreciation for life and the many good gifts with which we are provided. This, of course, includes people as well as material possessions. There are few words in the language with a shorter definition. This quality of life is defined as a "state of being grateful; thankfulness". Maybe we are expected to be so thoroughly acquainted with the word and its true meaning that no more words are necessary to explain it. That is not necessarily the case.

Let no person tell you that gratitude is an easy virtue to attain. We do not stumble upon it and like it under all circumstances. It does not come by accident. We can't just call it into play when we are pushed for the need of it. Though we like it and practice it, we come in contact with some people who know nothing of its meaning.

Gratitude is something we can have if we desire it. As American people we have a little training for it, at least on one day of the year when we are reminded to be grateful for our heritage. That one day is not enough. We must recognize the good that can be found in those with whom we work, those we meet in social life and  
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## BARNES AND WOHL OFFICES CONSOLIDATE

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Because of the above consolidation, it was also found advisable to consolidate the registration procedure by combining the Admitting Offices of Barnes and Wohl. This was especially true because of the overlapping of personnel in Admitting and Credit Office assignments in Wohl Hospital to a much greater extent than any other unit in our center. Further consolidation of Admitting Offices in the center is not definitely planned at this time but is being considered as a move which might be advisable after consolidation of Credit Offices and the handling of patient accounts has been accomplished.

## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

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leaves all of those little problems for him to solve.

It seems that Doris is becoming an American through and through for she tells us that her favorite foods are fried chicken and tossed salad. She does like home baked cakes, especially those made by her husband. As for sports she enjoys a good baseball game, but she admits that she still is a little confused about the game and occasionally finds herself cheering for the wrong team.

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those with whom we live within the home. That will not always be easy to do, for their viewpoints are not always the same as our own. There must be the spirit of give and take. There are satisfying rewards for those who strive to show gratitude to all people, under all circumstances, even when the going is hard.



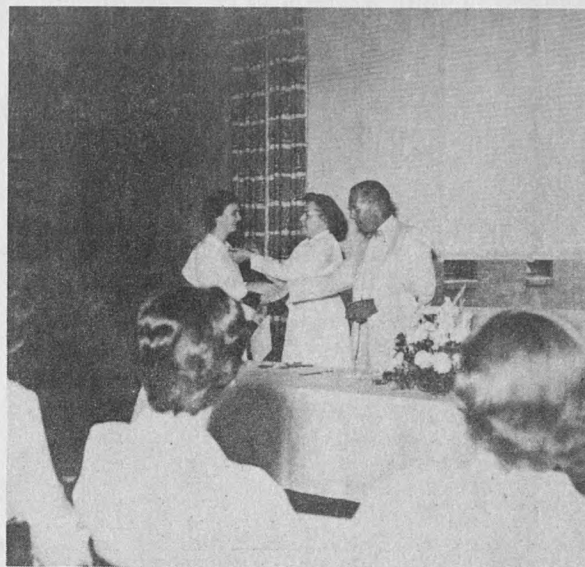
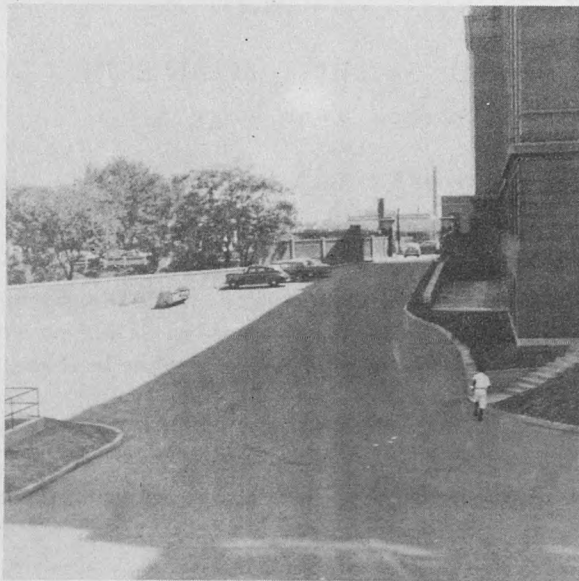
### 1ST LT. ALLEN RECEIVES BRONZE STAR

On July 24, 1st Lt. T. M. Allen received a Bronze Star Medal which was presented in the name of the President of the United States. The citation which accompanied the medal read, in part: "For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in Korea while serving with a marine infantry company on July 25, 1953. Serving as a platoon commander, First Lieutenant Allen displayed exceptional courage, initiative and professional skill in performance of his duties..."

The mission of the company was successfully accomplished and a vital position was defended, as a result of 1st Lt. Allen's actions.

1st. Lt. Allen attended Missouri University and St. Louis University prior to entering the Marine Corps. He is the son of Mrs. Alice Roberts, secretary in the Maintenance Department.

*Shown below is one section of the new parking area adjacent to the newly constructed loading dock.*



*Shown above, Miss Paula Massey receives a pin and certificate at Dietary Graduation.*

### 3400 REMODELED

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Hospital have been utilized in clinical practice for medical students. In addition to 3400, all other semi-private medical beds of Barnes proper will be incorporated in this program. Through the remodeling of this division and introduction of the new student teaching program, approximately sixty beds have been added to the clinical studies and teaching practices offered here.

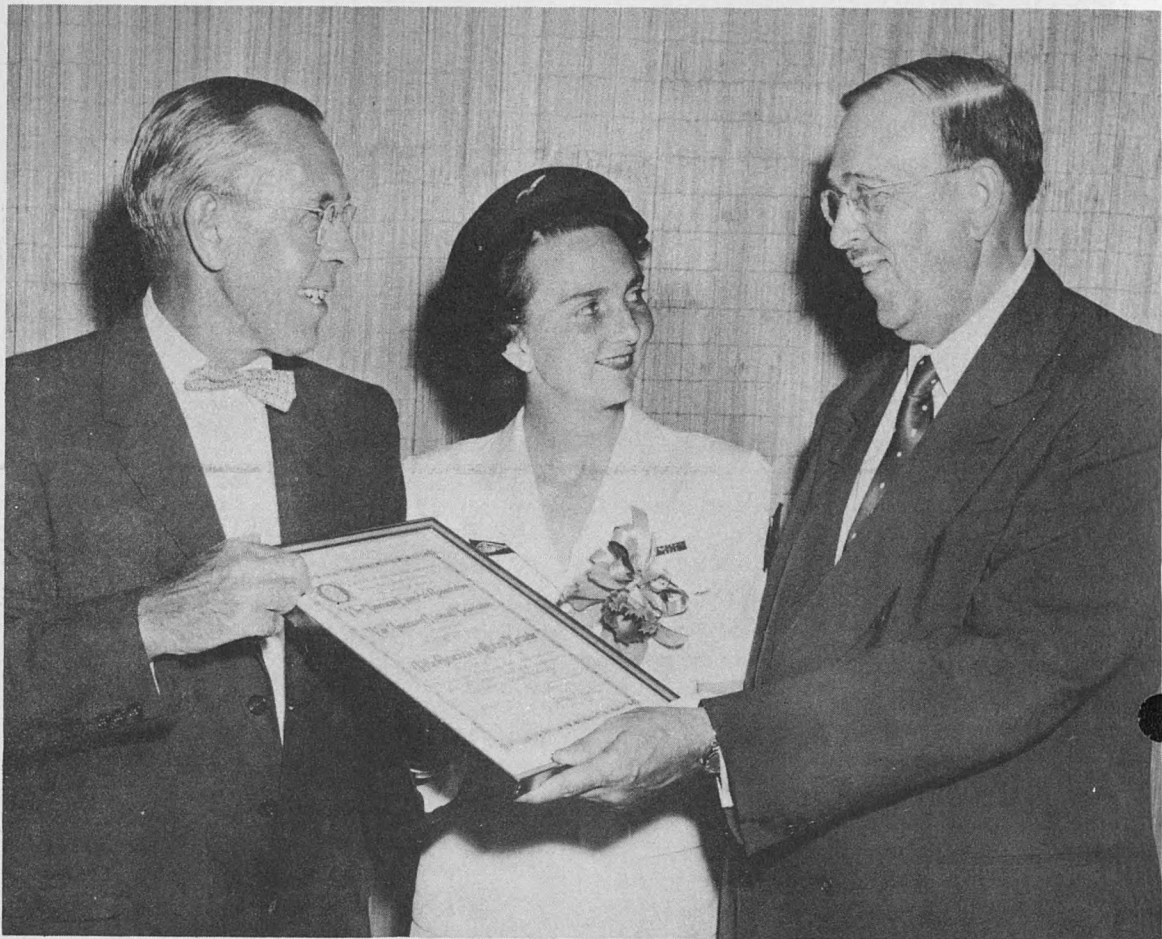
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Mr. Fittje and his bride are now spending most of their free time getting their apartment organized. They were married on June 8. Mrs. Fittje is presently employed as a private secretary for an insurance company.

Mr. Fittje can usually be found in the Credit Office these days, where he is learning about the actual operations of the department.

## DR. BRADLEY PRESENTS CITATION TO FRENCH NURSE



On the evening of August 3, Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes Medical Center and new President of the American Hospital Association, and Dr. Edwin S. Hamilton, a trustee of the American Medical Association, jointly presented a scroll to Mlle. de Galard Terraube, the "Angel of Dien Bien Phu", honoring her for the heroic actions she performed through the fall of Dien Bien Phu. The scroll cites her as "a Twentieth Century symbol of the traditions established by Florence Nightingale" and was presented by the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association at a dinner which was held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

## SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS

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ings record can be frozen after your disability has existed for at least 6 months.

If your record is frozen, the period in which you were totally disabled (before age 65) will not be used in figuring your average earnings and will not be used in figuring the length of time you must work to qualify for benefits. This part of the law protects your insurance rights while you are totally disabled. It does not provide cash disability payments.