

THE MEDICOVAN

VOLUME I

OCTOBER, 1948

NUMBER 7

Biological Seminar Program Announced

Dr. Lynn D. Abbott, Jr., Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry and Chairman of the program committee for the Biological Seminar has announced the following program:

Oct. 20 — "Paper Chromatography, with Demonstrations." — N. F. Young.

Oct. 27 — "Principles and Applications of the Mass Spectrometer." — W. T. Ham.

The Biological Seminar meets each Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. in Room 423, Clinic Building.

School of Dentistry

The members of the faculty of the School of Dentistry who attended the meeting of the American Dental Association in August were: Drs. Harry Bear, P. L. Chevalier, H. D. Coy, A. P. Little, Harry Lyons, W. O. Powell, R. L. Simpson, H. S. Powell, and A. M. Wash. Dr. Lyons was on the essay program and read a paper on "Facts and Fiction in Periodontia: An Appraisal."

New additions to the clerical staff of the School of Dentistry are Mrs. Rebecca L. Bird, Miss Ethel Carlton, and Mrs. Mildred Crickenberger.

At the recent meeting of the American Society of Oral Surgeons held in Chicago, Dean Harry Bear was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for the seventeenth consecutive year.

Dr. L. S. Ferretti, a graduate of the class of '48 and an instructor in Operative Dentistry, was married to Miss Cecelia H. Grymulski on August 14.

At the annual meeting of the American College of Dentists held in Chicago on September 12, Dr. R. L. Simpson, Professor of Crown and Bridge Prosthesis, was installed as a fellow of the College. Fellowship in the College is bestowed upon dentists in recognition of their contributions in the dental profession.

Miss Archer Christian began her services in MCV on September 1 as Assistant Secretary in the office of Dean Harry Bear.

Hospital Children Receive Gifts

In the eyes of our children polio patients, Philip Howard Perkinson, a companion among them for a while, has the best daddy in the world.

Whenever Mr. Perkinson visited his son at the hospital, he always visited as many of the other children as he could. He learned to love them all.

When Mr. Perkinson returned to his home in Norlina where he is a fireman on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, he solicited donations from his friends and fellow employees on his trips between Richmond and Raleigh. With the money collected, he purchased three tricycles, a couple of baby pens, and other gifts for the children.

Physical Medicine

Miss Susanne Hirt, who became Technical Director of the Physical Therapy Training School in July, attended a one week Infantile Paralysis Course for Physicians of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wisconsin, and the International Infantile Paralysis Conference in New York, during the summer.

Robert N. Eubank was recently appointed Research Assistant in physics. In addition to his research work, Mr. Eubank will teach the physics laboratory to the Physical Therapy students.

Misses Florine Logue and Dorothy Fugitt have been made Assistants in Physical Therapy. In addition to their clinical responsibilities, they will do part-time teaching.

Members of the Baruch Center staff who attended the 26th Annual Session of the American Congress of Physical Medicine in Washington in September were: Drs. F. A. Hellebrandt, Walter Lee, Ernst Fischer, John Moore, and Miss Annie M. Parrish.

Dorothy Fugitt and Sara Jane Houtz, Baruch Center, were elected secretary and treasurer respectively of the Virginia Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association in September.

Welcome . . .

We are very happy to present some of the newer members of our family. The new clerk typist in the operating room is Mary Lee Link, a graduate of Marshall College. Pauline Ann Steigleder and Margaret Howell Landrey have joined the ranks of our general duty nurses. The new seamstress is Mrs. Effie Mae Page. Ethel Woodard Sharpe is our new food supervisor in Hunton Hall Cafeteria.

Orchids To Pediatrics

The Medicovan does not give away orchids, but if it did, it would present one to each member of the Department of Pediatrics for their outstanding public relations with the families of the sick children in our hospital. The physicians, nurses, and others who serve this group in our hospital are doing a magnificent job. We would therefore like to salute them and give them an imaginary orchid.

Clinical Pathology

Mrs. Margaret Vest, Laboratory Clerk, became a grandmother on September 13. Mrs. Vest's daughter, Mrs. Robert Nelson, Jr., (Elaine Vest), was formerly employed in Dean Harvey Haag's office, McGuire Hall.

Miss Gwendolyn Sampson, a graduate of our School of Medical Technology on August 13, has accepted an appointment with us as medical technologist.

Miss Ruth Bitter has joined our department as Bacteriologist in charge of the bacteriology laboratory. Miss Bitter has a masters degree from the University of Texas. She was associated with the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia for thirteen years, the U. S. Public Health Service, and the Texas State Health Department before joining our staff in September.

Miss Frances Bradley, Medical Technologist, was married to James Holsinger, junior medical student, on August 28.

Dr. Nelson F. Young, Assistant Professor of Chemical Pathology, has just returned from Madison, Wisconsin, where he attended a Biological Symposium on Steroid Hormones. Miss Katherine Cary, Instructor in Pathology, also attended the Symposium.

The MEDICOVAN

Vol. 1 October, 1948 No. 7

PUBLISHED MONTHLY
except July and August by
The Medical College of Virginia

W. T. SANGER, *President*

M. W. Topping

Editor

REPORTERS

BARRIE BRYANT	Admitting & Information
ALICE MOORE	Anesthesia
A. J. BOTTOMS	Buildings & Grounds
GERTRUDE GUTSHALL	Bursar's Office
ETHEL GEORGE	Cashier's Office
GEORGE OSSMAN	Chaplain
ANN STANLEY	Clinical Pathology
HANNAH RYLAND	Dietary Department
MARGARET DuBOIS	Outpatient Department
DR. MARGARET DuBOIS	Hospital
FLORENCE ROBERTS	Business Office
RALPH TOLAR	Hospital Pharmacy
DR. FRANKLIN ANGELL	House Staff
LESTER LINDSAY	Housekeeping
ROSETTA BRENT	Laundry
DOROTHY JOHNSON	Medical Records
SARAH HILL COOK	Nursing Service, Grad.
CHARLOTTE HEEKE	Nursing Service, Grad.
ELIZABETH CRIDLIN	Nursing Service, Prac.
HELEN PARKS	Nursing Service, Prac.
JOHN LEWIS	Orderly
ANNA MAY HOWARD	Outpatient Department
CHRIS MAXWELL	Payroll Office
R. W. EVERETT	Personnel
DOROTHY FUGITT	Physical Medicine
VICTORIA MOODY	Purchasing and Stores
ANN BLANTON	St. Philip Hospital
DR. R. L. SIMPSON	School of Dentistry
FRANCES GORDON	School of Nursing
MARGUERITE NICHOLSON	School of Nursing
EMILY JENNEL	School of Pharmacy
DR. M. L. NEUROTH	School of Pharmacy
BARBARA RICHARDSON	Social Service
MARGARET E. REID	Switchboard
CORNELIA POWERS	X-Ray

Up The Ladder From Within

R. W. Everett, Jr., Personnel Director, is anxious to promote employees within the institution wherever and whenever possible. This policy has been successfully followed within the departments, he says, but he wishes to widen it beyond the bounds of an immediate department. He wants to give employees a chance for promotion to vacancies occurring in other departments than the one in which they work.

In order to achieve his purpose, Mr. Everett strongly urges all employees who feel that they possess the ability and qualifications for performing other and more responsible positions to inform the Personnel Department.

A list of current vacancies is maintained in the Personnel Department and is available to all personnel for their inspection. Qualified applicants from within the institution are given preference for any of these vacancies.

PENTHOUSE VIEWS

By W. T. SANGER, *President*

Last spring the college issued a bulletin on *Where Ends Don't Meet*. Since then we have made financial ends meet, with increased State support and with redoubled efforts on the part of hospital personnel. Our Board of Visitors and all the rest of us are tremendously grateful as a result.

One of the first concerns of industry is to make reasonable profit, necessary to pay dividends, remain in business, and provide employment. It has always been difficult to understand why it is that personnel sometimes do not realize that employment and good working conditions depend directly upon being "in the black" with a margin. As with industry, so with institutions like ours, better salaries, better working conditions, even the operation of the institution, must necessarily depend upon balancing the budget. It is, therefore, only enlightened selfishness for all of us to work to that end. Where the institution is large and complex such an end can be substantially served when all of the little things so to speak are cared for. Taken together these little economies, these little ways of making ends meet, bulk large at the end of the month, or the year. They really make the difference in the long run.



We have now had report on two months of the current fiscal year showing that with hard work and fine co-operation our operating budget has been balanced. Thus encouraged we look forward to the remainder of the year, hoping that we can make ends meet, with everyone helping and doing his level best to that end. This will be a superb record of which all of us will be proud.

Hospital Business Office

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Daugherty, are the very proud parents of a 7 lb. 6 oz. girl, Evelyn Jean, born August 31. This makes three girls for Jimmie, our Accounts Executive, who we think is running a race with Eddie Cantor.

Mrs. Mary Bessellieu and Mrs. Emma Anthony have been transferred to us from Medical Records and the Pharmacy, respectively. Both are very happy in their new work.

Wanted: Someone to join us in our weekly bowling on Monday nights at Haskins Bowling Alley. We want two teams. If you are interested, call Mrs. Mary Seay, St. Philip Office, Ex. 423.

Mrs. Virginia White has taken over the duties of Mrs. Mildred Gillespie in Medical Reports.

Which Are You?

Wise men talk little and do much. Fools talk much and do little. At MCV, let's be wise. —Lester Lindsay

Do You Know . . .

Dr. Everett I. Evans, Professor of Surgery and Director of our Surgical Research Laboratory, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Navy and Army for his research on surgical shock during World War II.

The School of Dentistry has received a grant of \$3,840 from the National Cancer Institute to carry on research on cancer of the mouth.

W. T. Sanger at a recent meeting of the Board of Visitors reported gifts to the institution totaling \$91,865 since July 1.

The network of tunnels will be extended to the basement of Monumental Church.

Dr. A. W. Hurd, Director of Educational Research and Service is the author of an article in a recent issue of EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT on the subject, "Implication of a Brief Study of Prediction of Success in the Medical School, MCV."

CABANISS HALL

The School of Nursing and Cabaniss Hall is quite full of tales of "has-beens" and "gonna-bes".

Misses Cambell and Collins, (sounds like a law concern, doesn't it?) took their little suitcases in hand, boarded a big Greyhound bus, and whizzed away to California. They took their trip the lazy man's way — making quite a few stops between Richmond and the Golden State, and did the same on their return, via a different route. Summary according to Miss Cambell: It was all wonderful and California men are more interesting and nicer than Virginia men. Shall we let her stay?

Mrs. Margaret Harrison with her husband, "Bob" from the Hospital, spent ten days covering the state. Their trip extended from the mountains to the sea, though we trust they didn't indulge in any of Sherman's tactics. From Richmond to Marion to Urbanna and home again was their route.

Miss Louise Davis went "home" to South Carolina to see that her brother was properly married. She looked after No. 1 pretty well, by catching the bride's bouquet; she says she hopes the other girls in the wedding won't have to wait for her, for they will have a long wait!

Miss Mary Elizabeth Row may acquire a Boston accent in a few weeks. She is going to that city of baked beans and brown bread for the meeting of the American Dietetic Association.

Miss Ruth Sanders may learn to talk like a real Southerner. She is going to Columbia, South Carolina, to attend the meeting of the Regional Section of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

We have some changes and new additions in the School of Nursing. Miss Margaret Cambell has been made Clinical Instructor in Medicine at MCV. Miss Grace Crowdis is the new Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics at St. Philip. Misses Ann Winstead and Anna McDowell are new instructors in Nursing Arts at MCV. Miss Adele Barnhill has been appointed instructor in Nursing Arts at St. Philip. Miss Lillian Henry has been made Public Health Coordinator at St. Philip.



Members of the house staff and their families are enjoying the new television set recently installed in Hunton Hall. In addition to providing their favorite televised programs, it furnishes delightful dinner music in the dining hall, since it is also a combination radio-phonograph.

Medical Records

Mrs. Mary Besselieu has been transferred to the Hospital Business Office. Mrs. Grace McAnally, Varina, is the new file clerk in her place.

William Goodman, night watchman, has resigned to return to the country to do some work on his home there. The "Keeper of the B's" is now Mr. Bennie Duncum, who attends classes in Business Administration at RPI.

Mrs. Dorothy Johnson has returned to work after a brief stay in the hospital.

Miss Ruth Cherne, Record Librarian, is cheering these days and for a good reason. For over two years the typing file has been over 4,000 charts behind. Now thanks to the two "speed demons", Mrs. Nowlan Nicholas and Miss Juanita Rumburg, they have been completed and put in the permanent file. Thanks, a million, girls — the Record Room salutes you both.

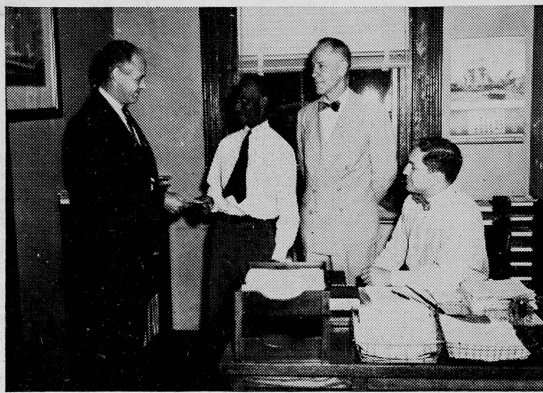
A new IBM electric typewriter has been added to the equipment of the Record Room and Dorothy Johnson says it's the most wonderful machine ever invented. She hopes to see the day when they are installed in every office in the hospital.

Recently the Record Room had a hot dog roast at the home of Marjorie

Millett in Sandston. Marge's backyard with its log benches, outdoor fireplace, and grill were really put to good use. The food was out of this world and there was plenty of it. Lucille Aycock's husband, Charlie, was among the 40 odd people who attended, and he played photographer. The pictures, when developed, proved to be most revealing and proof enough that everyone had a marvelous time. Miss Cherne and Mrs. Millett were the hostesses, and good ones they were. Everyone left stuffed, but happy, and full of ideas for another party.

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

The Richmond Area Community Chest Campaign started October 12. MCV can reach its quota of \$3,600 if every member of its large family contributes. Make your contribution through the place you work. Representatives have been named for each department. If you do not know the representative for your department, please call the Office of Public Relations, extension 203.



Robert Tillery, elevator dispatcher, is shown receiving \$10 cash award from R. W. Everett, Jr., Personnel Director, as Major General W. F. Tompkins, Comptroller, (standing) and D. L. Rogers Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds (seated) looks on. Other members of the Buildings and Grounds Department to receive awards for their outstanding performance of duties for September were: James Huling, Morgue Incinerator Attendant, \$2.00; Joe Pitts, Engineer, \$5.00; William Bennett and James Wells, Firemen, \$2.00 each.

Personnel

How long do honeymoons last? We can't answer that one; but we do know that Mrs. Avis Ferguson recently spent a week with a long face while her husband was out of town.

During the latter part of August, Mr. Everett spent several days in North Carolina due to illness of his father. We are happy to know that Mr. Everett, Sr., is now on the road to recovery.

We are glad to welcome among us those interns who have been serving assignments at outlying hospitals. Our best wishes go also to those who are replacing them.

Social Service

Miss Louise Rhea recently joined the staff of the Social Service Department.

The members of the Social Service Department were badly in need of physiotherapy treatments one morning recently. The department made its first attempt the night before to organize two bowling teams to bowl once a week. They hope the worst aches and pains are over.

Laundry

Alvin S. Parson, Laundry Mechanic, is now the father of a 6½ lb. baby girl, born September 11.

Mrs. C. F. Hendricks, wife of the Superintendent of Laundry, entered the hospital September 25 for a minor operation.

St. Philip Administration

Mrs. Mary Strand, St. Philip Admitting Clerk, is vacationing in Iowa.

Mrs. Mary Seay was promoted from the MCV Business Office to Cashier at St. Philip.

We are glad that Mrs. Kate Balingier is convalescing from her recent illness which made her a patient in our hospital.

The St. Philip Business Office is now located in its new expanded quarters which also include the cashier, credit manager, and administrator.

If anyone has a hobby of collecting unusual names, we submit the following with our compliments: Lorenza Sugar, Shady Lemon, Wonderful Smith, Romance Thrower, Dorothy Language, Pinkie Shorts, and Dorothy Usual.

Orderlies

Fred Gaines, orderly on the fourteenth floor, has been ill for the past month. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Elnora Usery, elevator operator, and Louis Sampson, seventh floor orderly, were married September 25. Congratulations!

Attend Hospital Association

Among those of our hospital to attend the Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association in Atlantic City recently were: Emmet Reid, C. P. Cardwell, Jr., Robert Crytzer, Bruce Clark, Don Rogers, and Russell Fiske.

Admitting and Information

Barrie Bryant, Assistant Director of Admission, is back at work again after a visit to the hospital, as a patient.

Mrs. Ester Glickson, Information Clerk, is recuperating at home after an illness.

Mary Valentine, Admitting Clerk, has just returned from her vacation.

Mrs. Avaline Riggs, Admitting Clerk, is back at work after a few days of "unpleasant vacation" due to illness.

Dr. Ebbe C. Hoff, Associate Professor of Neurophysiology, and Dr. A. C. Johnson, Research Assistant, attended the Autumn Meeting of the American Physiological Society held in Minneapolis. Both Dr. Hoff and D. Johnson read papers at the meeting.



Mrs. Doris Schmidt (seated) looks admiringly and appreciatively at a money lei presented to her by the surgical staff and friends. Mrs. Schmidt, for the past 3½ years operating rooms secretary, left September 30 to devote full time to her home duties. The money lei was the idea and creation of Miss Colleen Poindexter, Operating Room Supervisor. Also looking interestingly at the money lei above are (left to right): Miss Bernice Richardson, Assistant Operating Room Supervisor; Miss B. Carmine; Mrs. Genevieve Tolar; Miss Colleen Poindexter, Operating Room Supervisor; Miss Mabel Knowles; Mrs. Ninette Kirkland; Mrs. Inez Dyson; Mrs. Marjorie Sydnor. In the background are Dr. Albert J. Paine, Assistant Resident on Eye, Nose, and Throat, and Dr. William Lummus, Rotating Interne.

Outpatient Department

Mrs. Mary Owen, Visiting Nurse for the Maternal Welfare Clinic, had the misfortune of having her brand new 1949 Ford wrecked on September 16. Mrs. Owen was not hurt.

We extend to Dr. Margaret DuBois our deepest sympathy in the recent death of her brother who had been living with her at the Tuckahoe Apartments.

Mrs. Dorothy Sykes recently joined our staff.

Housekeeping

Mrs. Margaret Edwards, housekeeping for the fourteenth floor, has returned to work after an operation at our hospital.

Miss Mary E. Mitchell, maid in Cabaniss Hall, who suffered a severe burn on the legs is on the job again. Miss Mitchell has been with our Housekeeping Department for fifteen years.

Mrs. Helen Justice has been named Relief Hostess in Memorial Hall.

Recently married, Mildred Jones Massey is now a maid on the fifteenth floor of the hospital.

Though poverty daily looks in at my door,

I am hungry, I am footsore and ill,
I can look the whole world in the face and say,

"If I'm poor, I'm a gentleman still."