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Welcome to Our Medical Center

With genuine pleasure we congratulate Richmond and Virginia on its new Eye Hospital, and welcome it to our Medical Center.

This hospital had its origin in the mind of Mrs. Virginia Fox Beveridge, who was compelled, she felt, to go out of the Commonwealth for treatment of an eye ailment. In her will she bequeathed a substantial sum for the establishment and endowment of an eye hospital in the City of Richmond. An anonymous benefactor contributed another large sum for the construction of the hospital, and the balance of the money was secured from Hill-Burton funds. The Eye Hospital has the distinction of being the first specialty hospital constructed under the Hill-Burton plan.

It was realized early in the development stages that to operate a hospital solely for eye patients would be economically inadvisable, and its purposes were expanded to ear, nose, and throat care.

Original plans contemplated construction in the western part of the city but it was felt the advantages to be gained in locating in proximity to the Medical Center outweighed the minor benefits of the original site.

Plans for the hospital were drawn by Louis W. Ballou and Charles C. Justice. Construction was by Doyle and Russell of Richmond.

We are particularly proud that one of our graduates in Hospital Administration was selected as administrator, Mr. Nathan Bushnell, III, a graduate in our first class in Hospital Administration.

The hospital was opened to the public for inspection on Hospital Day, May 12, and a record crowd attended the preview.



M.S.—Mistress of Service

Although her diploma presented on June 3, reads Master of Science, the story of Geraldine Duncan's life entitles her to the title we have chosen. Dr. Sidney Negus has given us the highlights of her life as she was much too modest to do so.

Geraldine Miller Duncan, was born in a Mission Hospital in Bilaspur, India, operated by her parents, Dr. E. C. L. Miller, our emeritus librarian, and his wife. In 1919 she married Cecil Eugene Duncan. Three children, a daughter and two sons were born. In 1923 Mrs. Duncan lost her husband and came to Richmond in 1924 to make her home with her father, then our professor of biochemistry and bacteriology. In 1941 Mrs. Duncan returned to California and there studied techniques for clinical laboratory and x-ray

work. In 1943 she came back to Richmond. In the meantime World War II was on an all of her children entered service. All saw active combat over seas; the elder son as an Air Force pilot, the younger son in radar as a communications officer on a ship in the Pacific. Her daughter received her wings in the Women's Army Service Pilots at Avenger Field, Texas, in 1944, and flew until the WASPs were disbanded; following that she went into the American Red Cross and was stationed in France and Germany. Following the war all Mrs. Duncan's children finished their educations; Sue attended Richmond Professional Institute; David was graduated from the University of California in forestry; and Cecil, from the University of Richmond. Cecil is now working for a Ph.D. at Stanford.

It is not often any institution graduates a grandmother; not often that grandmother is the daughter of a beloved former member of its faculty; not often that grandmother has reared and educated such a fine family with no husband to help. SO . . . WE LIKE TO CALL HER MISTRESS OF SERVICE, to her father, to her family, to the college, to all whose lives she has touched.

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Vacations

An advertisement came in my mail a few days ago which reminded me it is vacation time. The advertisement was headed "Sizzle Days are Heading this Way! Plan Now for Your Vacation."

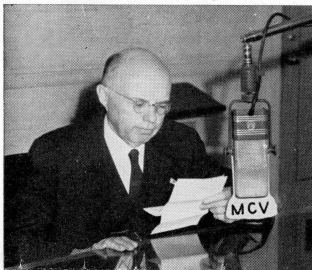
It is the custom in our American way of life that a steady worker be given a holiday period of a week or more—preferably in the summer. Most people look forward to this vacation with great anticipation. What was the original thought which prompted this custom? No doubt it came from the fact that every worker needed a holiday, a period in which to get away from his usual routine, a period in which to renew his strength and vigor, as well as zest for the daily grind.

Do we really plan our vacations with this idea? Or do we more often return from our holiday so worn out that we need several days in which to recover? Recreation means to *re-create*. How many vacations miss this mark! Some people go to the seashore and thoughtlessly get a terrific sunburn. Others double their usual holes of golf, or sets of tennis, and become completely fagged. Some rush to the "big city" to see the sights and sport "glad rags" only to become dead tired.

The vacation which will bring you back joyous, happy, refreshed is one in

Our New Neighbor

The Richmond Eye Hospital, including ear, nose and throat services, opened for patients on Monday, May 19. This specialized facility is attractive, well-equipped, and will make a contribution in its field of which all will be proud.



The college by formal agreement and otherwise, is dedicated to cooperation with the new Eye Hospital, well located in the Medical Center, to the full extent of its material and personal resources.

It should be genuinely advantageous for a member of the Eye Hospital staff to be able to park at one point and proceed to discharge his responsibilities within the Eye Hospital, or in the units of the Hospital Division of the college, to say nothing of the other advantages of cooperation, both to patients and staff. In time, many items of cooperative effort, not now even apparent, will

doubtless be worked out satisfactorily.

The college is delighted to welcome its new neighbor and looks forward to the privilege of being a good neighbor on its own account.

W. T. SANGER
President

which the whole person's needs are met as a unique individual. These needs may be briefly examined on three levels—*physical—emotional—spiritual*.

Physically, we need a change of action, the person behind a desk, or indoors, will welcome outdoor activity in accord with his age and strength. The postman might well swing in a hammock on a cool shade porch among congenial friends.

Emotionally, we need a stimulation which is more or less the opposite of that presented in our daily routine. The person who is constantly rubbing elbows with the public would do well to get off to some quiet spot where social activity and competition is at a minimum, while the one who is shut away from many people during his working hours should seek pleasant social activities.

Sometimes we feel it our duty to devote our holiday to visiting relatives, or friends, to whom we feel obligated. This usually increases tension and strain and fails as *re-creative endeavor*. By careful planning such obligations may be taken care of only a short part of the vacation, or at some other time.

Spiritually, it is possible to be lifted up and refreshed by a change in our usual spiritual routine. Seek out the

beauty in God's creation, the tiny wildflower on the carpet of the forest, the glorious glow of a sunset, the majesty of the mountains; hear the ocean's roll on the seashore, the quiet ripple of a brook along a country road, the songs of the birds, the whispering breeze. All these speak of the reality of God. Take time to absorb the spiritual strength available to you through the quiet contemplation of God's power and presence in these scenes and sounds. And, for those whose travels take them into the city, there is always a church—some are very beautiful—into which you can slip for a few moments of quiet to "Be still and know that I am God." Such spiritual refreshment is recreative.

Plan for a well-rounded holiday for it will reward you with much pleasure and satisfaction. I wish you all a happy, *re-creative* vacation!

GEORGE W. OSSMAN, *Chaplain*

It is a pleasure to announce that our chaplain received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, on June 9.

Doctor Ossman received his Bachelor of Arts and his Bachelor of Divinity from Sewanee.

REMEMBER! HAVE YOUR CAR INSPECTED! BE A SAFE DRIVER ON THAT VACATION!
DEATH MAY NOT TAKE A HOLIDAY!

Committee on Williams Request

A committee has been appointed consisting of Dr. John B. Truslow, *Chairman*, Colonel Robert T. Barton, Jr., Major General William F. Tompkins, Mr. Charles P. Cardwell, Jr., Dr. William B. Porter, Dr. Paul Larson, Dr. Kinloch Nelson, and Dr. Frank L. Apperly, to study and advise the administration and the Board of Visitors on the best possible use of funds which will be derived in time from the Adolph D. Williams bequest for medical scholarships and fellowships.

Interpreters

The response to our request last month for interpreters has been so gratifying that we feel *The Medicovan* is serving a really useful purpose. Reports are as follows:

Dr. Count D. Gibson—*French and German* and can also use the *deaf-mute* language.

Miss Nielsen in the College Business Office is familiar with *Danish*.

Mr. Michael Kuzik of Buildings and Grounds can be of assistance with *Austrian, French, Russian, Polish, and Ukrainian*.

Miss Anne Sarti, Information Desk, *Italian and Spanish*.

Mrs. Hilda Traina, Department of Physical Medicine, *Italian*.

Mr. Joseph Valainis, Hospital Pharmacy, can be helpful with *Polish, Latvian, and German*.

Dr. H. G. Kupfer, Department of Clinical Pathology, all of the *Slavic* languages and *German*.

Mr. George W. Bakeman, Associate Dean of the School of Medicine, *Russian, French, and German*.

Sharing Sorrow

Our deep sympathy goes to Dr. Reno Porter in the loss of his father.

For Our Graduates

President and Mrs. Sanger entertained at tea for the senior students of the school of nursing.

Dean and Mrs. Harry Lyons together with Dr. and Mrs. Sanger gave a tea for the senior dental students.

Dr. Myra Williams gave a buffet supper for the hospital administration group.

Dr. William B. Porter, Professor of Medicine, gave his usual fine party for the senior students in the school of medicine.

The Purchasing Department

Wishes to express its appreciation to the department of buildings and grounds and to our orderlies for the fine assistance in controlling the flood in the hospital storeroom on May 24. Due to their able assistance many supplies were saved which otherwise would have been a total loss. Many, many thanks to all who "waded in" to save the institution thousands of dollars worth of supplies.

Nancy Wright has left the department to accept a position with the Federal government. Nancy was a fine worker and did a good job. Although she will be missed we wish her the best of everything in her new undertaking.

Honors

Miss Sybil MacLean, Dean of our School of Nursing, has been elected first vice-president of the Graduate Nurses Association of Virginia.

Dr. R. Finley Gayle, Jr., Professor of Psychiatry, has been elected secretary of the American Psychiatric Association for the third successive year.

Dr. Walther Riese, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology and of History of Medicine, has been invited to Rome, Italy, as an official debater in the sessions of the First International Congress of Neuropathology.

It is such a pity the college does not have funds to subsidize at least some foreign travel for its staff. To be able to accept invitations such as the one Doctor Riese has received would mean much to the college and to staff members.

Although Dr. Riese's wife, Dr. Hertha Riese, is not a member of the faculty, nevertheless she is a part of the college family and we take much pride in her recent Americanism award.

Dr. Paul D. Camp has been elected president of the Virginia Heart Association.

Resignations

We are indeed sorry we are losing Dr. Walter J. Newton and Dr. C. M. Westrick, Miss Doris Baird and Mrs. Gladys Flournoy from our dental school.

Miss Thelma Pedersen of the Department of Physical Medicine has resigned also.

Of course we miss Peggy Flippen from the president's office. She will be married August 9.

Travelers

Major General William F. Tompkins, Comptroller, represented the college at the 150th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point on May 20.

Dr. Peter N. Pastore, Professor of Otolaryngology and Rhinology gave a paper at the West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, on May 12.

Dean R. Blackwell Smith of the school of pharmacy attended the Fourth District Pharmaceutical Association meeting on May 27.

Dr. Mary Martin, Research Fellow in Surgery, gave a paper on burn treatment at the Virginia Public Health Conference in Roanoke on June 11.

Dr. A. W. Hurd, Director of Educational Research, attended the annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science at Old Point Comfort, May 15-17. Doctor Hurd is chairman of the psychology section.

Welcome to Newcomers

We are glad to extend our welcome and to express the hope they will be happy with us:

Anne B. Reynolds, A. D. Williams Clinic

Catherine Cunningham, A. D. Williams Clinic

Anne R. Homes, A. D. Williams Clinic

Judith Lanier, Medical Records

Ruth Page, Clinical Pathology

Louise Vaughan, Nursery School

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Shirley J. Clinger, Nursing Service

Evelyn Bradley, Clinical Pathology

Rosamond Knoeller, President's Office.

Attention, Please!

Wrappers for the new catalogs are available in the college storeroom. *Please use these instead of our catalog envelopes still on hand.*

Please note also that over 2000 catalogs are mailed by the publication office and permanent mailing lists are kept there. It is believed many duplications are occurring in mailing of catalogs. Before sending out catalogs in any great amounts call Miss Hoke on 203 and see if her lists have the names.

Bruin's Corner



With our eyes, our ears, our hands, our facial expressions, we make or break our careers. The *breaks*, if we want to use the expression, come to the person who *gives* more than he expects to *receive*.

How many, many times have you heard the petulant complaint, "Oh, well, he, or she, got the breaks."

The person making such a remark might as well add, "I am blind, deaf, unobserving, and selfish."

There is no such thing as getting the breaks. As we go along life's pathway we get in return just as much as we put out. If we put out nothing, naturally we get nothing in return. If quitting time and pay day are our chief objectives and the Medical College of Virginia, her future, her reputation, her people, mean nothing more than a place to hold a job, then we may be sure the breaks will not come our way.

If genuinely interested in the institution and in the people who serve within it, an observant person can find innumerable things to do which are not in the line of duty, nor set up in job classifications by the Commonwealth.

Hospital Mailing Room Asks Cooperation

In a letter addressed to General Tompkins, Mr. Wheat in charge of the mimeograph room, says:

1. **MOST IMPORTANT.**—Inter-hospital and inter-college mail is being sent down mixed in with outgoing mail. As we have sometimes as high as 2500 pieces of mail to handle between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., we cannot examine each piece individually. Thus the inter-office mail gets stamped in the meter, wasting postage, getting lost, and of course if it reaches the main postoffice it hasn't the faintest idea what to do with it.

2. **FOREIGN MAIL.**—Since we cannot look at the address on each piece of mail, it is suggested that a paper clip be slipped on each piece of foreign mail; this will call our attention to it.

3. **PACKAGES AND FOURTH CLASS MATTER.**—We are NOT equipped to handle this class of mail. We handle only *first* and *second class mail in envelopes*, which must be tied in bundles and labeled **METERED MAIL**. Pathological specimens should go to our branch post office in the Student Social Center. **DO NOT LEAVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF MAIL IN THE LOBBY UNDER MAIL BOX. CALL MR. WHEAT, EXTENSION 219, FOR INSTRUCTIONS.**

Congratulations to X-Ray

The student year book this year is the most attractive we have seen in some twenty years at the college. Judged from any point of view, format, printing, photography, vision, idealism, or what have you, it is still **TOPS**.

The editor has most graciously made an agreement with the college publications office to store cuts. In this way much money can be saved by *X-ray*, *The Scarab*, *The Medicovan*, on cuts of faculty members, campus scenes, and student activities.

We are indeed grateful for this splendid cooperation on the part of the X-ray staff.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever, said Keats. Our gardener, Mr. William E. Jones, with the interest and guidance of the landscape committee, and with the assistance of Mother Nature, is really bringing beauty to our campus, beauty that will endure when many of us are no longer here. Take a look at the grounds in front of the student social center, around the Tompkins-McCaw library and back over the hill, and the circle in front of the Egyptian Building. Spring had to come to show us the great amount of work which had been done during the long winter months. *Our thanks to all.*

Little Exemptions



To Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Waller, a girl.

To Mrs. Alice Masten of Medical Records Department, a son.

To Mrs. Leah Magal, Medical Records Department, a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. George K. Brooks, Jr., a son.

Congratulations to all!

A clever mind sees another person's problem—but it takes an understanding heart to solve it.

"I Got News for You!"

The A. D. Williams Memorial Clinic on May 2 recorded its highest number of patients per day—569.

VACATION



A rest that is too short and after which you are too tired to return to work and too broke not to.

And . . . so . . . we give you the above picture with the end in view that you will have a splendid vacation.

With this issue *The Medicovan*, too, takes a vacation until September. We hope from your vacation you will bring a few choice bits for publication in September. In case the "bits" are too rare for publication, we editor's office gathers many unprintable items!

One vacation plan is already reported. Ruth Stone of Buildings and Grounds will have a month in California. Lucky gal!

Pay as little attention to discouragements as possible. Plough ahead as a steamer does, rough and smooth, rain or shine. To carry your cargo and make your port is the point.—Babcock.