ENGLISH NURSE VISITS HOSPITAL

"Americans are such a cosmopolitan people, and even more hospitable than I had been led to expect." This was the somewhat flattering opinion voiced by Miss Griselda Rubin, a perky-looking little English nurse visiting Barnes Hospital as one stop in her tour of leading hospitals in this country and Canada. Miss Rubin is the fortunate recipient of an elective scholarship awarded by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and as such, is permitted to come to America to observe techniques of neuro-surgery as well as to study our nursing educational program.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Miss Rubin is now a British citizen, and is on the staff of National Hospital in London, England, where she is might superior to a number of our nurses. She is a post-graduate teacher in neuro-surgery, neuro-anatomy, and neuro-physiology. During the war she was in charge of the casualty station at National Hospital.

In her charming accent, "Sister" Rubin (which is the title given to head nurses in England) explained that the Waltese Cross is suspended from her neck by a red and blue ribbon, and that the silver filigree buckle on her royal blue and white uniform is presented to nurses upon their graduation.

When asked about her frilly little lace-trimmed cap, Miss Rubin explained that there is no capping ceremony in England; however, their caps are used as distinguishing symbols—Miss Rubin's cap being that of a head nurse in her hospital.

Since being in America, she has become accustomed to foregoing her afternoon tea, but has become addicted to our American custom of "ten-o'clock-in-the-morning coffee". She hopes to add a few pounds to her petite frame while she is in America, and laughingly declares that it is quite probable that she will, with all the good food over there.

SOFTBALL TO GET UNDER WAY

Mr. Panhorst reports that, after a number of postponements due to inclement weather, the softball season will definitely get underway on Friday evening, April 22, at six o'clock, on diamond number forty-four in Forest Park, with the OB-Gyn. team slugging it out with the Medics. Teams have been formed for Surgery, Medicine, Administration, OB-Gyn., and the Record Room, with the possibility of teams for the Medical and Dental Schools.

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COLONEL ROBINSON VISITS HOSPITAL

Colonel Paul Robinson of the Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D.C., was in St. Louis on April 6 and 7. While here, he lectured to our Hospital Administration students on "Organization, Personnel, and Supply of the Military Hospital Program". Later, he accompanied the class on a tour through the St. Louis Medical Depot.

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MRS. RUSHING ATTENDS INSTITUTE

Mrs. Carrie Rushing, Executive Housekeeper, will be away from the hospital for a number of weeks while she attends an Institute on "Institutional Housekeeping" at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

KNOW YOUR STAFF

by BETTE WALSH

Anyone who has ever come in contact with our pharmacy, invariably comments upon what an efficient, well-directed department it is. Credit for this goes to the always smiling, bright-eyed "Chief", MRS. FLORENCE MUELLER.

Mrs. Mueller, nee Rudolfi, was born in the bustling city of New York on October 6, 1910. At the age of three, Florence, with her parents, came to St. Louis. When quite young she showed the beginning of an independent spirit, and evidenced many tomboyish ways. One of her outstanding childhood escapades occurred while traveling in Europe with her parents. During a stay in Rome, little Florence became so enraptured with the music of a band that she followed it right out of the park and was missing for four or five hours, much to the distress of her anxious parents.

Mrs. Mueller attended the old Central High School and was one of the graduates of the last graduating class from that school. Since she finished high school at the age of fifteen, her father felt that she needed to know something about business before she went to college. Consequently, she took a year's course in secretarial training, and upon its completion, entered Fontbonne College which she attended for one year. In 1931 she started in the College of Pharmacy—only girl in her class! Before long, romance blossomed in school for it was there that she met her husband-to-be, and in 1933 Florence Rudolfi became Florence Mueller and also started her career here at Barnes.

Mrs. Mueller has prospered in her social and professional life. She has two children, a boy named Gene and a girl named Janolyn. (Cont. on page 2 - column 1)

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ENGLISH NURSE (Cont. from col.1)

here. From Barnes, Miss Rubin went to the Mayo Clinic, and after several other stops, will leave for England on July 28, taking with her invaluable knowledge to help her in her work.
IN 1944, she became head of our Pharmacy Department. She talks quite enthusiastically about her work and confides that the only times she has been away from work was when she took time to have her children, claiming somewhat apologetically, "I just had to!"

Take one pair of snappy brown shoes, a sparkling smile, and a thorough knowledge of pharmacology, and you have Mrs. Florence Mueller, our most charming chief pharmacist.

Favorite color------green
Favorite literature-----historical novels
Favorite music------semi-classical
Favorite sports-----badminton and ice hockey --as a spectator.

ON THE SCENE

PHYSICAL MEDICINE - Margaret Borby

The big question in Physical Medicine is not "Who threw the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?" but "who sent the baby mouse through the mail to one of the therapists?" Is there a Sherlock Holmes in the house? Best of everything to MARY PATRICKSTOCKELY, who will leave very soon because of a new arrival due sometime in July. We will miss her.

RECORD ROOM

Angie Laury = Judy Kelly

We are happy to learn that Dr. C. BARBER MUELLER is back after undergoing a little minor surgery on April 11. Glad to see you around again, Barb.

FRIEDA VOSS played Easter Bunny the Saturday before Easter, and presented the staff with a lovely box of candy.

The Record Room has a new member on its staff in the person of WELLIE LEACH, a former employee at Alexian Brothers Hospital.

CHEST SERVICE - Joyce Cooper

JOYCE COOPER, Secretary in Chest Service, is leaving us on April 30th. There have been two new additions to Chest Service - MARY ANN WEN-BERRY, nurse, and --- a glamorous white telephone!!

MATERNSITY - Martha Pierce

RUTH RULKOSTER, head nurse on 600, Maternity, is back with us after a leave of absence of more than a month, during which time she underwent a major operation. We are so glad to have you back, Mrs. Rulkostetter, and think that you look simply grand!

Among recent marriages, was that of FLORENCE HEUTEL, nurse. In June, she will accompany her husband to Honolulu, where he will intern at Tripler General Hospital.

FORMER EDITOR VACATIONING IN MEXICO

Members of the hospital staff have been receiving post-cards bearing a Mexican post-mark from MARY SCHWARTZ, former editor of the Hospital Record. Nancy is enjoying a two week vacation in Old Mexico and reports that the foreign atmosphere is simply "out of this world!"

ROOMING-IN AT MATERNITY FEATURED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Recently the Everyday Magazine of the St. Louis Post Dispatch carried a feature article on the highly successful rooming-in plan which Maternity Hospital started on a large scale in October. The huge success of the plan was revealed by enthusiastic comments from both the parents and the nurses. Under the "rooming-in" plan, the mother keeps her baby in a crib by her bed and cares for him completely, so that by the time she gets ready to go home, she feels well-acquainted with the new member of her family. Maternity Hospital is the only one in St. Louis at present to offer the "rooming-in" plan, and while it is relatively new and still in the experimental stage, it is actually "a revolution to the oldest maternal practice known, that of having the mother care for her own baby!."

In commenting on the success of the plan, Dr. Bradley summed it all up by saying: "that the idea of it is just doin' what comes naturally!"

The little tot was sitting on the couch, watching her mother smoking a cigarette. Her little nose was wrinkled and in her pale blue eyes was an expression of childish disillusionment. Finally, unable to stand it any longer, she blurted out in her quavering voice: "Mother, when in the heck are you going to learn to inhale?"

And then there is the only pen that has a positive life guarantee.

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