In wishing you a Happy Holiday Season, I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty and hard work throughout the past year. The strength of the hospitals and clinics lies in its personnel. Your efforts were, and will continue to be, absolutely vital to the hospitals' success in serving the community.

During the Christmas Holidays a spirit of tolerance is a simple matter of contagious enthusiasm. But when that same spirit moves you to work together, day after day throughout the year, your efforts are not a matter of routine and compulsion—it is a uniting in a common interest and cause.

So, with all best wishes for a happier 1958, I thank you again.

F. R. Bradley, M.D.
Director.
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN THE LOBBY ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

A traditional event in the schedule of Barnes Hospital Medical Center is the service on Christmas Eve afternoon. It is planned for patients, relatives, friends, and personnel.

Miss Helen Louise Graves is to be here again this year in charge of our musical program. Each year we are inspired by the interpretations that are given by her Metropolitan Singers. Miss Graves is widely known through her fine leadership in our St. Louis Board of Education program of public school music. A fifteen minute program of organ music will be given at 2:45 by Mrs. Helen McCoy, the regular organist of our Danforth Chapel.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, the presiding officer of the Missouri Area of the Methodist Church, is to be our speaker for this service. We count it a great privilege to have Bishop Frank, for we know that nearly every day is filled with speaking engagements or required meetings relating to his episcopal duties.

Gray Ladies will be on duty to help get patients to the service. A Christmas bulletin will be prepared for distribution to patients and personnel.

The wheels of Marriage Mill, Inc. are still grinding. MISS JEAN GRAHAM, Executive Assistant in Barnes Admitting, has announced that she will leave this month to be married to Mr. Robert Schiller. As a replacement for Miss Graham, MRS. DORIS HACKEL has been promoted to Admitting Officer. Mrs. Hackel has been employed at Barnes for several years, and for the past three years has been secretary to Dr. C. O. Vermillion. MRS. HELEN MORGAN, formerly of the Medical Records Department, has been promoted to replace Mrs. Hackel as Dr. Vermillion's Secretary..... MARTHA YOUNG, Heart Station, was married to Mr. Howard M. Ollermann on November 16. The candlelight ceremony was performed by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Third Baptist Church. LEE McCULLEY, Surgical Pathology, was Maid of Honor.....NANCY NEWBY, Maternity R. N., became Mrs. James Farr on November 3 in Mattoon, Illinois.....HATTIE L. KING, Barnes Nursing, was married to Mr. Richard Price on November 20. Mr. Price is employed at Union Station in St. Louis..... LUCILLE E. WATKINS, Maternity Nurse Assistant, has admitted that she was secretly married on May 27, 1957 to Mr. Ira Baker. In announcing the marriage, Mrs. Baker said the family reason for keeping the wedding secret has resolved itself, and she and her husband are now residing at 4147 Fairfax.....MALI MENEGAT, R. N., became Mrs. Glenn C. Rogers on November 30. Congratulations and best wishes to all the newlyweds!.....MR. JOSEPH T. GRECO, Associate Director, spent several days recently as a patient in Wohl Hospital.....VEella GRAHAM, Pharmacy, has passed her state boards and
Dietary Interns learning to judge and purchase produce on a recent field trip to Lombardo Fruit and Produce Company, 820 North Broadway. Mr. Lombardo extended every courtesy to the group, including lunch. From left, clockwise around the group, are: Eleanor Moore Roller, Sarah Parish, Patricia Pope, and Peggy Rison, Dietary Interns, and Miss Marion Caddy, Assistant Administrative Dietitian.

HOW MUCH IS “SO MUCH A MONTH?”

Would you deliberately throw away a $1,000 bill?

You may be throwing away that much or more if you buy cars, furniture, major appliances or even clothes on time without knowing what you are paying in carrying charges. Too many purchases are made without the buyer knowing any more about the cost than the amount per month. Many people do not even ask how many months they will have to pay on a major purchase.

Take, for example, the young man who bought an item for— he thought— $250. The down payment was $10, and he was to pay $33 a month for a year. That made his cost $406, and the carrying charge was 125%. Fair? Certainly not.

How do you find out whether you are paying too much for the privilege of buying on time? It is really very simple.

First determine the cash price—what you (Continued on Page 5, Column 1)
PAY PERIODS AND PAY DATES FOR 1958

Pay period ending:    Payday:
Jan.  11           Jan.  17
Jan.  25           Jan.  31
Feb.  8            Feb.  14
Feb. 22            Feb. 28
Mar.  8            Mar.  14
Mar. 22            Mar. 28
Apr.  5            Apr. 11
Apr. 19            Apr. 25
May   3             May   9
May  17            May  23
May  31            June  6
June 14            June 20
June 28            July  4
July 12            July 18
July 26            Aug.  1
Aug.  9            Aug. 15
Aug. 23            Aug. 29
Sept.  6           Sept. 12
Sept. 20           Sept. 26
Oct.  4            Oct. 10
Oct. 18            Oct. 24
Nov.  1            Nov.  7
Nov. 15            Nov. 21
Nov. 29            Dec.  5
Dec. 13            Dec. 19
Dec. 27            Jan.  2

CLIP AND SAVE!

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is now a registered pharmacist......Our sympathy to HATTIE M. CASH, Nurse Assistant in the McMillan Operating Room, whose husband died recently......MR. HARRY E. PANHORST, Associate Director, was recently named to the Council on Government Relations of the American Hospital Association......Pearl of the Month: "Someone has said that the fellow who watches the clock doesn’t have to worry about his future--he doesn’t have any"......JULIA MAE REEVES was recently transferred from the Dietary Department and promoted to Personnel Clerk......Congratulations to

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

by
George Bowles

It has been said that the story of Christmas has been told in more ways and in more languages than any other. The appeal has been universal in nature. The atmosphere of good-will that is created by the story is contagious, even among those who know little or nothing about the event that serves as the basis for it. We are happy that this is so.

The Christmas spirit has been captured by the artist, and some of the best known paintings deal with it. The great music of the world that never grows old includes those great productions that we refer to as the music of Advent. Poetry would be robbed of some of the best expressions that have ever been made if the poetry of Christmas were to be blotted out. Fiction has made much of the appeal that an author can make with this event of nearly twenty centuries ago.

Surely most people have some cherished memories that center around the Christmas season. Things we did at this time in our own homes we so often try to repeat in later years. Visits we made to the homes of others can be made very vivid as we recall them. Loved ones take on new meanings. This is nostalgia at its best.

Christmas is a very personal treasure. It means most when we give it the best of care. It can even be lost by some individuals, but not ever by the human family.
Pictured above are Nurse Assistants who completed the In-Service Training Program in November. Front row: (Left to Right) Mary Ford, Gloria Pennermon, Margie Trapp, Jittaun Chambers, Arlene Randolph, and Arlene Armstrong. Back row: (Left to Right) Loretta Trotter, Virda Richardson, M. Jean Abraham, Dorothy Garner, Lillie Mae Davis, and Gladys Gantt. Laura Garner, who also completed her training with this group, was absent when the photograph was taken.

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would pay if you handed over the money then and there. Then get the "time price" by multiplying the amount of the monthly payment by the number of months you are to pay. Add in the down payment, if any. Now, subtract the cash price from the total time payment cost, and give the difference a good hard look. You may be shocked at the cost of those "easy payments".

The thing to remember is that Missouri law controls interest rates but not carrying charges. Therefore, an unscrupulous dealer can, within the law, charge whatever he wishes in carrying or service charges.

There is no single figure which tells you what you should pay for the privilege of buying on time, but these figures will give you some fair comparisons: good stores will charge from 6\% to 8\% discount, or 13\% to 16\% simple interest, for financing time payment sales.

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Painters put the finishing touches on the ceiling and entablatures in the Barnes Hospital Lobby. The ceiling, frieze, and upper wall surfaces were painted a “robin’s egg” blue, with the cornices and architraves a lighter shade of blue. New light fixtures are being made in the metal shop, and will be installed when available. The ceiling treatment has increased the amount of reflective light in the lobby from 1.6 to 3.2 (double) on an exposure meter. New lights should make the lobby even more bright and cheerful.

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Banks and small loan companies operate under supervision of the State Banking Department, by licenses under the Consumer Credit Law. The maximum rate provided by this law is 2.218% per month on unpaid balances, or 26% per year. For all sums over the first $400, the rate by law is 8% per annum simple interest.

As a final item, beware of anyone who tries to sell you anything with a “balloon” payment—a large final payment after a year or two of seemingly reasonable payments. This legal hook is being used by a number of companies in the St. Louis area, particularly used car dealers. If you fall for it (and the pitch they use isn’t bad), you’ll probably find yourself eventually paying twice what the car was worth when you bought it.

Merry Christmas!
The Christmas Season is with us again, the season of joy and gladness, when even the Shopping centers of our cities resound with "Joy to the World", "Silent Night", "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", and other beautiful carols inspired by the advent of the "meek and lowly Jesus".

What were the outstanding events of the first Christmas?—What is the secret of this most happy season of the whole year? ... A babe lying in a manger in a stable; the Angel Chorus singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Goodwill among Men"; the lowly shepherds bringing adoration; the wise men from afar bringing rich gifts—they all came "Not to be ministered unto—but to minister." There's the secret.

The outstanding lesson The Man of Galilee sought to teach was that happiness comes from service to others. He who seeks his own happiness selfishly misses the mark, but he who would help others to be happy will find his cup of joy full to overflowing.

The tenets of Jesus have always been far ahead of ours. It was He who said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister"—"Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister"—"Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

The thought of "Service" did not originate in hospitals or business. No, it came from the Master nearly two thousand years ago.

Although a good beginning has been made, we can hardly say that the world is at peace. True peace will come only when all men and nations put into practice the precept "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Our own glorious country will become just so much more blessed as we all exemplify the thought "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

God grant that when the Christmas bells shall ring again we may be able to say that we tried.
The following letter from Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dorrough (Surgical House Staff, 1953-55) will be of interest to many. The Dorroughs and their children have spent the past two years in Pusan, Korea.

2713 Hermitage Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Friend:

We wish to inform all our friends that we are on a leave of absence as missionaries to Korea due to health reasons. We regret that we were unable to publish another form letter before our return to the States, but time did not permit.

We arrived in Birmingham on September 27. At the present time Bob is in practice with his brother in Montgomery.

We want to again thank each one of you for your letters, gifts and prayers while we were in the Orient. We shall continue to be grateful for your friendship and all that you have done for us.

Sincerely,
Mary and Bob Dorrough

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EILEEN MATTINGLY, R. N., on her appointment as Head Nurse on 3100...THEDA GUZMAN, Nursing Supervisor in Renard, became the proud mother of a baby girl on December 7...NATALIE ABBOTT, R. N., was recently promoted to Assistant Head Nurse in the Barnes Operating Room....

A Christmas Breakfast was given for Head Nurses in the Cafeteria on December 19....Our sympathy to THELMA McCALLUM, Medical Records, whose father-in-law was recently killed in a highway accident near Poplar Bluff....The staff of the Hospital Record, in completing this last issue for 1957, wishes to thank all the people who have supported the paper throughout the past year. And, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!