National Hospital Day is well known to almost everyone in the United States and has been widely observed since its origin in 1921. However, National Hospital Week is still relatively new since this was the second year that an entire week has been set aside to inform the community of the history of hospitals and to show the people some of the many important functions performed by the hospital.

Back in 1921, leaders in the health field recognized a need to familiarize the public with the work of hospitals. This group, which was led by the late Matthew O. Foley, chose May 12, as the day to initiate National Hospital Day. This date could well serve a twofold purpose since it is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, famous nurse crusader of the Crimean War. Her pioneer service in nursing led to the improvement of hospital care in England and in America as well.

The development from a day to a week observance was made possible by women's auxiliaries that are members of the American Hospital Association, these women having volunteered through their national organization to help observe this special week in their hospitals. The original purpose of the observation is to bring the public closer to hospitals in understanding and knowledge.

On Sunday, May 9, from 8:15--8:30 p.m., the Greater St. Louis Hospital Council Presented a panel discussion on radio station KWK, as a part of their National Hospital Week activities. The panel participants discussed the vital jobs in hospitals.

The following hospital facts for 1953 are reported by the American Hospital Association:

Registered hospitals in the United States cared for more than 20,000,000 patients in 1953--the greatest number in any year in hospital history.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Human understanding can sometimes be a trying thing during our lives if we do not endeavor to consider the feelings and thoughts of the many people with whom we come in contact. Many difficult situations have arisen through the misunderstanding of a person's wish or request. Have we tried to understand various situations that were not completely in accordance with our beliefs? When a supervisor asks us to perform a duty that is a little different from the established routine, sometimes we become disagreeable about the request. If we try to picture the occurrence from his viewpoint, we can usually see and understand the reason.

When an unusual situation exists, it may in turn create a demand for all of us to use thorough adult understanding of all the persons involved. Far too often we stop to consider only what we are going to acquire for our own personal benefit. All of us admire and respect persons who are thoughtful and considerate of our feelings, and it is not asking too much of us to return this courtesy to other people.

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DR. HARRY W. LYMAN DIES

Dr. Harry W. Lyman died at his home on May 6. He was 81 years old.

Dr. Lyman had been Professor Emeritus of Clinical Otolaryngology for the past eleven years and had been on the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine since 1910.

Dr. Lyman was a member of several medical societies, including the Missouri State Medical Association and the St. Louis Medical Society. He was a past President of the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah E. Lyman; a son, Dr. Edward H. Lyman; and a daughter, Mrs. Allen E. Clark.

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DR. SEDGWICK MEAD ACCEPTS POSITION IN CALIFORNIA

The announcement was made recently of the appointment of Dr. Sedgwick Mead to the position of medical director of the California Rehabilitation Center at Vallejo, California. Dr. Mead is now Associate Professor at Washington University School of Medicine and Director of the Department of Physical Medicine at Barnes Hospital. The appointment will be effective July 1.

The rehabilitation center is dedicated to the neuromuscular rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons. It is sponsored by the Kaiser Foundation and is considered the largest non-governmental program of this type in the nation.

Dr. Mead is a graduate of Harvard College where he received his B.S. degree. In 1938 he received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. He served his (Continued in next column)
KNOW YOUR STAFF

Miss Jean Graham, Barnes Admitting Officer, says that the primary reason for her becoming a nurse is the fact that she is quite a stubborn gal. When several of her friends in high school told her that she would not like being a nurse, right then and there she decided to enter nursing school. However, she did not walk into the field of nursing without some knowledge of it, for she accompanied her family doctor on many of his visits to homes and hospitals.

Miss Graham was born in Wichita, Kansas, but during her early school years she managed to live in four different states. Her mother and father still reside at Mt. Vernon, Indiana, where her father is engaged in the oil business. She has one brother who is a student at Rolla School of Mines. Miss Graham graduated from high school in Mt. Vernon where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Immediately after graduation she entered Washington University School of Nursing determined to become a new Florence Nightingale. After receiving her diploma (Continued on page 8)

DR. EVARTS A. GRAHAM NAMED HONORARY FELLOW IN ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Dr. Evarts A. Graham, Professor Emeritus of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, along with five other American doctors was installed as honorary fellow in the Royal College of Surgeons at Edinburgh, Scotland, on May 12. It was announced that Dr. Graham will preside over the meeting of the International Surgical Society next year at Copenhagen. This announcement was made when Dr. Graham delivered the second triennial Sir John Fraser Memorial lecture at the University of Edinburgh. He spoke on the connection between smoking and lung cancer.

Dr. Graham, who recently received the Judd Cancer Award, is Chairman of American College of Surgeons and in 1953 was elected President of the International College of Surgeons.

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Thoughtfulness and understanding cannot be acquired over night; it takes time to become a completely thoughtful person. Most of the people that we know who are in this category have practiced it the majority of their lives. When you try improving your life in this respect, it will be rewarding in many ways. Soon you will find more people respecting your opinions, for they know that you will never try to take advantage of any situation for your own personal gains. This is not saying that we must always submit to the other person’s wishes, but every person is entitled to the privilege of following his own personal beliefs. Whether these beliefs involve business, religion, or politics, none of us should ever forget to recognize this privilege by failing to be considerate and not trying to understand the feelings and actions of the people around us.
DR. RICHARD WEISS NAMED PRESIDENT OF
AMERICAN DERMATOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

Dr. Richard Weiss, Washington University Dermatologist, was recently elected President of the American Dermatologists Association at the annual meeting which was held in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Dr. Weiss has filled many positions in his colorful medical career. He was Dermatologist at Barnes Hospital from 1942 until 1952. He now serves as Dermatologist Emeritus to Maternity Hospital, Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, and St. Louis Children's Hospital. He is also Director of Research in Dermatology at Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital. In addition, Dr. Weiss serves as a consulting dermatologist to various hospitals in the city. From 1935 until 1951, he was Chief of the Dermatological Clinic at Washington University Clinics and is now Professor Emeritus of Clinical Dermatology at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Weiss has held the position of Honorary President of the Missouri Social Hygiene Association since 1946. He is a past Vice-President of the American Dermatological Association and a member of the Missouri State Medical Association, a member of the St. Louis Medical Society, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology. Dr. Weiss is also an active member in various other medical societies.

A biography of Dr. Weiss, who has written numerous articles and books in his field, is published in “Who’s Who in America”.

COMMUNIST: - One who borrows your pot to cook your goose in.

One good reason you can’t take it with you is because it goes before you do.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Kathryn Browning, Clinic Interviewer, came to our medical center back in 1948, and her intentions were to stay for approximately six months. The six months have now run into six years and she is still holding forth in the Clinics Admitting Office which is one of the medical center’s busiest spots.

Mrs. Browning was born in Sedalia, Missouri, and came from a family of eight children. Shortly after graduation from high school she married and settled down to becoming a housewife. During the war she accepted a position as a supervisor with the National Youth Administration where she worked for two and a half years. Following her employment with this organization, Mrs. Browning joined her brother in operating a gift shop in New Mexico where she still has an interest.

After doing routine home duties in her off duty hours, Mrs. Browning says that she has very little time for hobbies. She tells us that her husband, who was an artist, taught her to paint and that she (Continued on page 6)
MISS MALL FEATURED ON TV PROGRAM

On Monday, May 10, Miss Shakuntala Mall, Dietary Intern, was featured on “Spice of Life” from 4:30 until 5:00 p.m. This show is televised on Channel 54 from Station WTVI in Belleville, Illinois.

Miss Mall was born in North India and received her B.S. degree from the University of Allahabad and in 1953, received her M.S. degree from the University of Arkansas. She recently received a research assistantship at Michigan State College which will become effective September 15 of this year. There she will study towards her Ph.D. degree in the field of animal nutrition.

“Spice of Life” features students from different countries who are attending St. Louis schools. Menus are prepared and customs are discussed which are characteristic of the student’s country. This is not Miss Mall’s debut on television, since she appeared on a television show several months ago.

As a student at the University of Allahabad, Miss Mall was captain of the basketball team which won the state championship for four consecutive years. Miss Mall was also active in dramas and essay contests. She states that upon her return to India she would like to teach nutrition at the University and also do work in the community nutrition program.

CAPPING CEREMONY HELD FOR GRAY LADIES

The auditorium of Wohl Memorial Hospital was the scene of the capping ceremony for 82 Red Cross Gray Ladies on Tuesday evening, May 11. These volunteers, who have recently graduated, serve in nine St. Louis hospitals and Scott Air Force Base.

Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes Medical Center, spoke to the group on “The Value of Volunteers in a Hospital”. Mrs. G. Chadbourne Taylor, Chairman of Volunteer Services for the St. Louis Chapter of the Red Cross, presided at the ceremonies and at the presentation of special awards to Gray Ladies for their length of volunteer services.

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still likes to try her hand at it occasionally. Mrs. Browning has only one interest in the sports world and that is fishing. However, she doesn’t get to go too often except on her vacation which she usually spends wading up and down the streams in Colorado.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

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On an average day in 1953, there were 1,341,623 persons and 43,528 newborn infants in the nation’s hospitals.

Bed count of all the nation’s hospitals is 1,580,654.

Income in 1953 of non-profit general hospitals from patients totalled $1,921,429,000 while expenses were $2,079,692,000.

The average patient stayed in the short-term hospital 7.9 days in 1953, as compared to 8.1 days in 1952.

95 per cent of the babies born today are born in hospitals.

1 out of every 60 of the nation’s workers are employed in hospitals.

More than 91 million people are now protected against the cost of sickness and accident through membership in voluntary hospital prepayment plans.

These are only a few of the statistics that are presented to the public during National Hospital Week in the hope that they will have a more thorough understanding of the vital role that hospitals play in the community.
Some of the outstanding students of human nature have given much time to the matter of calling our attention to things we generally accept as a matter of course. This is important, for it is so easy to fail to give proper recognition to the privileges that we enjoy and the materials that are provided for our daily care. We either become too busy in the matter of living, or we fail to develop a proper sense of values.

Writers of fiction and history, poets and artists have given much emphasis to the matter of human oversight and neglect on the part of those who make up this human family to which we belong. Most of the problems that have made good fiction have been of two kinds; those that have been solved and those that have been pushed aside. History is the recorded account of successes and failures of individuals and groups of individuals. Poetry becomes great in the degree that it is able to inspire its readers to nobler living. The works of art that have lived through the centuries have been able to increase understandings and extend horizons.

We do not necessarily have to look to a distant past to find the recognition that we ought to give to our privileges and the provisions for our daily care. We have all likely been inspired by loved ones and friends who have had unusually high appreciations of both people and things. They have inspired us to lift our sights and find new meanings. There are those who look to us for inspiration.

DR. BRADLEY OPENS TEXAS HOSPITAL MEETING

Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes Medical Center, attended the annual meeting of the Texas Hospital Association where he opened the convention with official greetings from the American Hospital Association of which he is President-Elect. The convention met May 18-20, at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas.

On Wednesday, May 19, Dr. Bradley delivered an address to the group entitled "The Future of Hospital Administration." In speaking to the assembly, he stated that the future of hospital administration depends upon several things, primarily upon the survival of the modern hospital. In turn, the hospital is dependent on administration but to a lesser degree. Dr. Bradley said, "One of the factors to be considered to insure the survival of both the modern hospital and its administration is continued service to the sick and injured members of a community in the Christian manner with all of the efficiency at our command. Service, skill, science--are the watchwords." Dr. Bradley also stated that another fundamental is teaching in all of its aspects—teaching which includes the practical phase of postgraduate vocational training as well as the academic training, much of which we must give our own personnel in our hospitals.

Dr. Bradley concluded by saying, "The hospital administrator is required, because of the complexity of today's hospital, to be more and more the coordinator of a highly specialized personnel within the hospital, rather than a simple administrator, a liaison officer between trustees and medical staff on one hand, and the community on the other. A descriptive term for hospital administration is command."
THE LADIES
By Dorothy Bond

Did you hear about the old lady who was introducing the new deacon to her husband, who was a little deaf and a Republican?

"Darling," she said, "This is the new deacon."

"New Dealer?" murmured the old gent quizzically.

"No, my dear, not new dealer, new deacon, new deacon," she repeated. "He's the son of a bishop."

Her husband shook his head wisely, "They all are," he sighed.

Wife: "Honey, you know I'm ashamed of the way we live. Mama pays our rent. Auntie buys our clothes, my sister sends us money for food. I'm sorry we can't do better than that."

Hubby: "You should be. You got uncles that don't send us a nickel."

HARRY PANHORST REELECTED PRESIDENT OF CLINIC ADMINISTRATORS

The annual meeting of the Conference of Clinic Administrators was held at the Palmer House in Chicago on May 2.

Mr. Harry E. Panhorst, Associate Director of Washington University Clinics, was reelected President of the Conference for 1954-1955.

Mr. Henry C. Black of Professional Management, Battle Creek, Michigan, spoke to the Conference on "Changing Techniques and Executive Leadership". Mr. Carl F. Arntson, Vice-President of the Conference and Administrator of Linvill Memorial Clinic in Columbia City, Indiana, discussed "Advantages of a Clinic and Hospital Combination".

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in nursing in 1951, she joined our staff as a general duty nurse and has spent her entire nursing career at Barnes. In April of 1952, Miss Graham was promoted to Head Nurse and held that position until December 23, 1953, when she was advanced to her present position in the Admitting Office.

Miss Graham manages to cram a lot of activities into her off duty hours. In addition to her most recent undertaking -- that of attending tailoring classes -- she enjoys almost all outdoor sports, especially horseback riding, and many of her week-ends are spent fishing and boating.

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