DR. M. T. MacEachern Dies February 3

Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, a founder of the movement for accreditation of hospitals, died on February 3 at his home in Chicago of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 74 years old.

Dr. MacEachern had often been called the ‘Founder of Modern Hospital Administration’. He had relinquished some activities, but still was director of professional relations of the American Hospital Association, and was engaged in making a third revision of his book ‘Hospital Organization and Management’ which is a standard textbook for university courses in hospital administration.

A native of Argyle, Ontario, Dr. MacEachern was a school teacher before he received a medical degree from McGill University Medical School in 1910. He came to the United States in 1923 and became a citizen. That year, Dr. MacEachern was appointed director of hospital activities of the American College of Surgeons. He was named chairman of the group’s administrative board in 1935, became director in 1949 and retired in 1951 as Director Emeritus.

Dr. MacEachern founded the Northwestern University program in hospital administration in 1943 and directed the course until last year. He was also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Northwestern Medical School from 1943 to 1948.

He was a past president of the American Hospital Association (1924-25), the Chicago Medical Society (1946-47) and the American Protestant Hospital Association (1949-50). Dr. MacEachern had been on the editorial board of ‘The Modern Hospital’ since 1926 and was the author of ‘Medical Records in the Hospital’ as well as ‘Hospital Organization and Management’.

In 1939, he received the Award of Merit of the American Hospital Association and in 1940 the Golden Key of Merit of the American Hospital Association.

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Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes, was requested by the A. H. A. staff to write a eulogy for Dr. MacEachern. Dr. Bradley's tribute follows:

'His thousands of friends in the health field throughout the world will remember him for his graciousness, unselfish devotion to duty, and constant availability for counseling. Many leaders in the field today humbly recognize him as the 'Master' in Hospital Administration by perpetuating his philosophies and techniques in the improvement of patient care.

'The contributions made by Dr. MacEachern by his originating the standardization program of the American College of Surgeons has no parallel in hospital history. His leadership in institutes and education of Hospital Administration were manifest by the annual University of Chicago Institute and the establishment of the Second University Program in Hospital Administration at Northwestern University of which he was professor.

'“And we all praise famous men--
Ancients of the College;

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
HOLD FEBRUARY MEETINGS
AT THE JEFFERSON HOTEL

The Barnes Hospital Medical Center was visited by many delegates who were in our city for the February annual meetings of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes and the American Protestant Hospital Association. The conventions were held at the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel during the week of February 6.

Key persons representing 200 Methodist hospitals and homes were present at the Methodist gathering, with a total registration of over 500. Barnes Hospital and the Methodist Children’s Home of St. Louis were co-hosts for the convention. Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes, was chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Banquet speaker for the Wednesday night Methodist gathering was Howard A. Rusk, M. D., Director of the Institute of Physical Medical Rehabilitation and Associate Editor of the New York Times. Dr. Frank R. Bradley as past-president of the American Hospital Association was on the banquet program to bring greetings from that organization, and he also participated in an entertainment feature of the evening.

Chaplain George Bowles served as discussant in the Section for Chaplains, and appeared on the televised portion of the program which was telescast on Channel 9 Tuesday evening, February 7.

For they taught us common sense--
Tried to teach us common sense--
Truth and God’s Own Common Sense
Which is more than knowledge!

.....Rudyard Kipling.
Dr. Frank R. Bradley (Left) and Dr. Oliver H. Lowry (Right) accept portrait of the late Dr. J. Albert Key on behalf of Barnes and affiliated hospitals and Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Key's wife and son are shown making the presentation.

J. ALBERT KEY PORTRAIT PRESENTATION

Mrs. J. Albert Key presented a portrait of her late husband to Barnes Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine at an invitational tea at 4:30 p.m., January 17. The portrait, painted by Charles F. Galt, was accepted on behalf of the hospital and medical school by Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Director of Barnes and affiliated hospitals, and Dr. Oliver H. Lowry, Dean of the Medical School. Dr. Evarts A. Graham, Bixby professor emeritus of surgery, spoke after the presentation.

The late Dr. Key, who died August 6, 1955, was professor of clinical orthopedic surgery from 1924 to 1955. One of the half dozen orthopedists elected to membership in the American Surgical Association, he also served as president of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American Orthopedic Association and as chairman of the Bone and Joint Section of the American Medical Association. Together with Dr. H. E. Conwell, he wrote a widely used textbook, "The Management of Fractures, Dislocations and Sprains."

A memorial fund in honor of Dr. Key has been established at the Medical Center by former associates, students and patients to provide a John Albert Key Research Fellowship in Orthopedic Surgery.
The Gideons, International, recently made a gift of 500 Bibles to our Medical Center. These are to be placed at the bedside in each room and ward of the many buildings which make up the Barnes Group. The Gideon organization of Christian business men place Bibles in hotels, motels, ships, schools, hospitals, and in military bases at home and overseas. The organization has never failed to respond in supplying our needs for replacements, or additional Bibles for the new buildings which have been added to the Center.

A Service of Dedication was held on the afternoon of January 22, in the Danforth Chapel. It was conducted by Chaplain Geo. A. Bowles and Mr. Paul Till, an officer of the St. Louis Camp of Gideons.
STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION GLEE CLUB

Front Row (Left to Right): Nancy Montfort, Carol Dammett, Mary Jane Preble, Gladys Pace, Linda Weaver, and Evelyn Huckstep. Second Row (Left to Right): Harriet Neumist, Elizabeth Bolten, Mary Frances Masters, Carolyn Warner, Alice Hess, and Joan LeFlore. The Director (Standing) is Charlotte Marry.
Dietitians who completed their internships in January are shown holding their diplomas. Left to right they are: Zoe Tate, Martha Callaway House, Nancy Waychoff, Doylene Brown, Patricia Kealoha, and Frederica Born.

GRAY LADIES ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 1955

The annual report of the Gray Lady Service at Barnes Hospital has been submitted by the St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Some of the helpful services performed by these volunteers include: accompanying patients to the weekly movies presented by the Volunteer Film Association in 1200 classroom (1341 during the year 1955), reading to patients, writing letters for them, distributing books from the patients library, and making trips to the hospital drug store.

During the year 1955, 9,762 items were purchased from the drug store for patients, 75 to 125 magazines were distributed each Wednesday evening, and 520 books on three book carts were circulated each evening through all the hospitals. The report does not include the many errands run to the pharmacy and central supply for the nursing staff, or the miscellaneous services provided for patients.
CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
by
George Bowles

THE ADVANTAGE OF DIFFICULTIES

Life is made up of many difficulties which we have to overcome. These vary in degree of course, and they are certainly not the same for all people. Difficulties come to individuals of all ages, and as we grow older we find that the ones we have already had generally seem rather small. It is even true that they generally seem rather insignificant. We discover that we find that we can even learn from our difficulties.

One requirement in dealing with this reality of life is that we learn to look beyond self. It is largely because some have met this requirement that we have institutions of human helpfulness. Self interests seem to have a way of enveloping many people, but never all people. Society will continue to produce those who find pleasure and satisfaction in entering into the interests of their fellowmen. Organizations that serve and develop a worthy fraternal spirit must have such people, and only a rank pessimist would be so bold as to say that in time we are likely to run out of the supply.

Difficulties are often overshadowed by goals that stand high in ones estimation of values. If this were not so, we would have very few scientific discoveries and inventions. The stories which have to do with great achievements start with discouraging failures, nearly without exception. Very few of our great and treasured possessions have come to us by accident. A few have, of course, but that is a poor element to depend upon.

It has been said, 'Difficulties are here to stay, but we don’t have to have the same ones all the time.' There is always the possibility that we can reduce them in both number and size.

GEARHART-CLAMAN WEDDING IN JANUARY

Miss Gretchen Isabel Gearhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bonta Gearhart of Minneapolis, and Dr. Henry Neumann Claman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Claman of New York and Westport, Conn., were married January 21 at the Gatesworth Hotel. The bride is an Instructor in the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, and Dr. Claman is serving an Internship on the Private Medical Service.

Rabbi Bertram Klausner performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at the hotel. Mrs. Robert Schwantes of Minneapolis served as matron of honor, and Victor Neumann was best man. Ushers were Dr. Charles Fenger Nadler and Dr. William Logan Webb, Jr., both of whom are serving Internships in Private Medicine.

Dr. Claman and his bride made a wedding trip to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, and are now residing at 4533 Forest Park.

The former Miss Gearhart was graduated from the University of Chicago and Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. Dr. Claman is an alumnus of the Horace Mann School for Boys in New York, Harvard University, and the New York University College of Medicine.
PAYDAY CHANGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

Effective January 1, 1956, the method of computing paychecks was changed so that each employee will be paid every other Friday instead of twice each month. Under this plan each paycheck will be for a slightly smaller amount, because 26 paychecks will be issued to employees during the year rather than the 24 checks formerly received.

If there is any variation in the total annual salary under the new computation (in figuring odd cents to make the new system work), the employee receives the benefit. However, this would seldom amount to more than fifty cents during the entire year.

Many large companies and institutions have changed to this method of payment, and it has proven to be most satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. Menendez states that it will be extremely helpful to the IBM Department where the majority of payrolls are completed by use of IBM machinery.

The primary advantage to employees is that there will be no 'long, third week-end' between paydays when it is sometimes necessary to wait until Monday or Tuesday night to shop for groceries. And for those plutocrats who cannot understand what an advantage this can be, we can only extend our sympathy. They will never know the joy of having a budget that really works, or experience the blissful happiness of making the last payment on an installment-plan purchase.

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