

# SET MAY 12 AS HOSPITAL DAY

## President Coolidge Endorses National Event

Caring for 32,281 patients daily at a cost of approximately \$60,000,000 annually, a figure comparable to the running expenses of the state government, the hospitals of Illinois ought to attract wide-spread interest on May 12 which has been designated as National Hospital Day, to quote Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. National hospital day is an event commemorating the birth of Florence Nightingale, the mother of modern nursing services, and as such it has the endorsement of President Coolidge nationally and of Governor Small in Illinois.

Hospitals throughout the nation and Canada will throw open their doors to the public on May 12. The institutions of mercy in Illinois will be no exception.

**State Has 398 Hospitals**

"Public interest in the occasion ought to be immediate and general," says Dr. Rawlings. "The significance of the event in Illinois is indicated by the fact that there are 398 hospitals in the state with a total bed capacity of 52,472. These hospitals care for an average of 32,281 patients daily at an estimated cost of \$60,000,000 annually or about \$10 per capita per year.

"Out of the 398 hospitals 225 are general in character, 29 are for nervous and mental patients, 27 for tuberculosis cases, 32 for orphans, 20 for the aged and incurables, 18 for maternity patients, 11 for convalescents and 10 for contagious diseases. The others constitute a miscellaneous group ranging from army and navy patients to those among the blind and the deaf.

"Only 174 of the 398 hospitals maintain clinical laboratories while only

171 have X-ray facilities. Nurses training schools are operated in connection with 119 of the hospitals.

**Cite Scarcity of Hospitals**

"There are 36 counties in the state that have no hospitals of any kind for the use of local people.

"Federal, state or local governments operate 81 of the 398 hospitals in the state; independent associations operate 125; denominational organizations 92; individual and partnership concerns, 89; industrial companies, 61; fraternal orders, 5. The bed capacity of the 81 governmental hospitals is 31,335 against 21,137 for the non-governmental group.

"With facts like these relative to the hospital service performed and the capital involved, hospital day ought to attract every general interest on May 12. It is a day when educational interest may mingle with messages of cheer and comfort."

### Kenilworth Youth Gets Place in Honor Society

Paul M. Corbett, 78 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth, was one of the Junior class men at Northwestern university to be pledged to the Deru senior honor fraternity at the school this week. Formal pledging of the men was held at midnight on Tuesday following the secret ballot taken on Monday.

The prospective members, most of

whom were in bed, were roused from their slumbers, called out to the cold, foggy night by a group of visitors and informed of the honor bestowed upon them. The annual banquet of the active chapter of Deru takes place May 7 when the keys of responsibility will be turned over by the present members to the incoming ones. The Society of Deru was founded about 20 years ago and its mission is to work for the betterment of Alma Mater.



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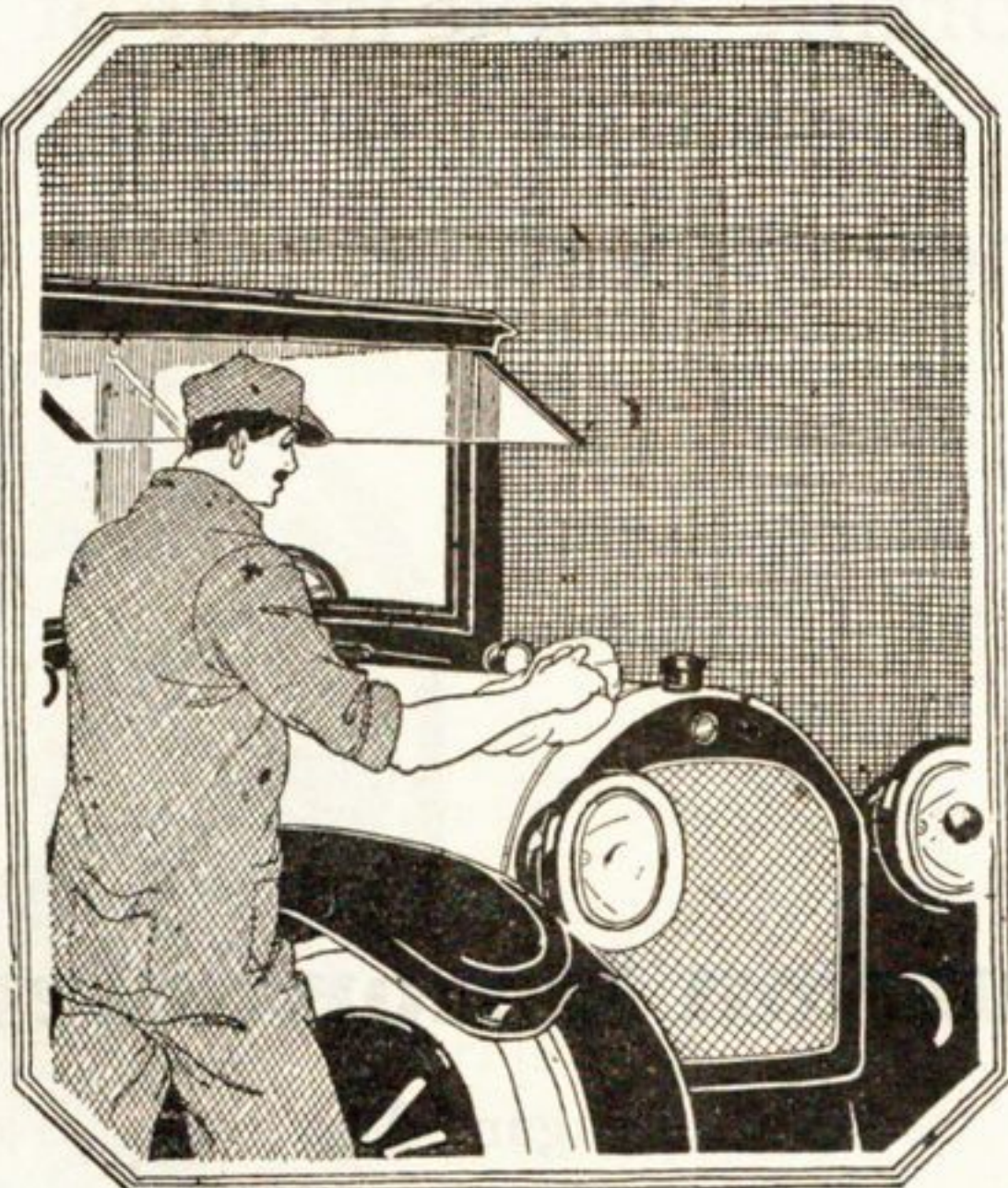
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