The biggest scoop I've been able to dig up for some time concerns Dr. Virginia Apgar who has been appointed to full professorship, Dept. of Anesthesiology, Columbia U. of Physicians and Surgeons. Jimmy is the first woman to be appointed full professor at Columbia. Jimmy was in attendance during a serious operation Marjorie Tuck Bodel had. Jimmy writes that "it's not often I give a patient eight transfusions during one operation, as we did to Marjorie." Dr. Apgar reports that the patient is completely cured.

Congratulations to Virginia Apgar upon her recent appointment as professor of surgery at Physicians and Surgeons. We hear she's the first woman so appointed? How about it, Dr. Apgar?

The Blackwell Award, established in 1949, goes each year to women physicians who have made significant contributions to medicine. It is named after Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to receive a medical doctor's degree and founder of the New York Infirmary, which is staffed by women physicians. Virginia's mother and her cousin, Winifred Shaw (MHC '26), attended the ceremony.

Jimmy is chief of the division of congenital malformations for the National Foundation, with headquarters in New York, and is the creator of the Apgar Score, a method of evaluating an infant within 60 seconds after birth. In February she was interviewed by Patricia McCormack of United Press International, and the story appeared in the New York World-Telegram. On the subject of birth defects, she said, "Birth defects are the largest single unmet childhood medical need today. About 250,000 children are born each year with some birth defect." She stressed the need for a long-range program of scientific research into the problem.