$30,000 Donated to Hospital By Barnes Women's Auxiliary

Clarence S. Weldon Named to New Post

Awards received by Dr. Weldon include the Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine, the Borden Undergraduate Research Award, the Morris Schapiro Scholarship, and the Joseph Collins Foundation Scholarship.

His memberships include the American College of Surgeons, American Heart Association, American Society of Artificial Internal Organs, Association for Academic Surgery, Society for Vascular Surgery, and the Transplantation Society.

Since 1967, he has served as assistant editor of The Journal of Surgical Research. Dr. Weldon has contributed to a large number of publications on his research activities.

He is married to the former Virginia Verral. The couple and their two children now reside in Baltimore.

Barnes Takes Awards For Public Relations

Barnes Hospital is the recipient of four public relations awards from a total of six categories at a competition staged by the Mid-West Hospital Association, Inc.

Barnes was awarded first place in the categories of Press Relations and Community Relations, plus honorable mention in special Public Relations Project and Patient-Related Publications. Honorable mention is synonymous with second place in this case, as only two winners were chosen from each category.

Mrs. Connie Barton, director of public relations, and Robert E. Frank, director, accepted the awards at Mid-West's 40th Annual Convention held recently in Kansas City, Missouri.

Speakers at the conference from Barnes included: Dillon Trulove on housekeeping procedures in a large medical center; Dr. Crofford Vermillion on medical records and electronic data processing; and George Dixon on getting the job done through social service.
Patient Letter Exemplifies National Hospital Week Spirit

EDITOR'S NOTE:
May 12-18 is National Hospital Week. The theme, "Your Hospital—People Caring for People," emphasizes the personal care and attention given each patient by the many persons working in the hospital complex. The following letter written by a recent patient exemplifies the compassion and concern that proves the people at Barnes care.

OPEN LETTER TO NURSING STAFF AND ALL PERSONNEL:

"Having been a patient in McMillan recently, I would like to express my appreciation for the attention, thought, and kindness extended to me. Whether it be minor or major surgery, fears and doubts and pain are something that all have to face but, in my case, a dreaded experience turned into a very pleasant one.

Due to eye surgery I could not read my mail so I asked one of the nurses just to tell me the name of the sender. In doing so, she learned my birthday was the day after my surgery—and the following day a beautiful birthday cake was brought to me. I was deeply touched.

I live in St. Louis and have a small but loving family and a host of friends. However, I learned that people from all over the country come to Barnes Hospital for eye surgery. So many of them are far away from home and friends and feel helpless because they cannot read letters from them or write to them. This letter is being written by a lovely Pink Lady, and standing at the bedside reading the menu to me is a Candy Striper.

To all the aides, volunteers, nurses and to each and every one who works to make this such a lovely place, I—for myself and all those who cannot or will not be able to say it for themselves—want to say thank you."

Mrs. Samuel (Reba) Solomon
8350 Delcrest Drive
St. Louis, Missouri

1000 Attend Memorial Service Held for Dr. King

On Friday, April 5, employes of Barnes Hospital gathered in Wohl Auditorium to attend a memorial service in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, who had been assassinated the previous day.

Because of the short notice, concern was expressed that employes would not learn of the service and attendance would be slight. This was not the case, however; the auditorium was filled and corridors outside the room crowded with personnel who came to hear the Rev. George A. Bowles, hospital chaplain, conduct a service of prayer and meditation.

It was estimated that over 1000 persons were in attendance. The program also included a hymn sung by Mrs. Gracie Stevenson, elevator operator.

Tape Recorder Given to Chapel For Organ Music

The gift of a stereo tape recorder has made it possible for continuous organ music to be heard in Danforth Chapel on the first floor of Barnes. The Women's Auxiliary donated the tape recorder when it was realized patients and their visitors came to the chapel most often when the organ was being played. By using the recording device 90-minute tapes can be played throughout the day and evening providing many hours of sacred music.

Music selections for the taped recitals were chosen by Ron Jenkins, Minister of Music at the First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood. Mr. Jenkins taped much of his personal record library of sacred music for the chapel, and plans to tape a live four-hour concert in the near future.

Barnes and Allied Hospital Society Assemble in Clopton for Elections

OLD AND NEW PRESIDENTS of the Barnes and Allied Hospital Society talk following the group's meeting Thursday, April 18. Left to right are retiring secretary-treasurer Gordon Newton, new president Ross Sommer, retiring president Virgil Loeb, Jr., and retiring vice-president Justin Cordonnier. Dr. Sommer presented the retiring officers with plaques as mementos of their service.

Fire Rules
Prevention Regulations Set Down for Personnel

As the result of a recent fire inspection, Safety and Security Director, Edward Thurman has made the following precautionary recommendations to be observed by all hospital personnel. Failure to observe these preventative measures could result in serious damage and loss of life in an emergency situation.

1. Use of wedges, etc., for blocking open doors is prohibited. The doors are generally equipped with fusible links which melt in case of fire causing the door to close. A wedge would prevent the door from closing and allow a fire to spread.

2. Wheelchairs, stretchers, etc., must be kept out of stairways and exit areas. Cluttered exits hamper rapid evacuation in case of disaster.

3. Storage of combustibles under stairways is prohibited, as fire could cause flammable items to ignite eliminating the stairs as an escape exit.

4. Smoking is not allowed in areas where flammable liquids and/or gases are used or stored.

5. The area in front of fire hose cabinets must be kept clear at all times to provide easy access to the equipment in case of an emergency.

6. Linen chute doors are to be kept closed to prevent a fire from spreading to other floors via the chute.

Annual Employee Service Award Dinner
May 9, 1968
7 p.m.
Queenly Tower Banquet Room
Volunteers from England, Germany, Costa Rica Serve Barnes

Women's Auxiliary Aids from Various Countries

The state treasurer of the Daughters of the British Empire, a bridge master player, 1000-hour volunteer worker at Barnes, and lecturer on English Girl Guides and Brown Elfs are all part of the busy life of Margaret Pett, auxiliary member from England.

Mrs. Pett lived in Surrey, southwest of London for the first 45 years of her active life. There she raised three children, hearing the third during an air raid. During a later period in the Second World War, Margaret Pett was conscripted to work in a war plant where she spent six hours a day six days a week. This was considered a part-time job. Full time was 12 hours per day every day of the week.

Scouting Innovator

Mrs. Pett was a scout leader and Mr. Pett was one of the original Boy Guides (the English counterpart and predecessor of the American Boy Scouts) in 1910. Both were active as air raid wardens.

To escape the dangers of war, Ernest Pett, an insurance salesman, took his family to Canada where they settled in Montreal in 1947. Their two daughters, Sylvia and Elizabeth, later married and are still in Montreal and Toronto respectively with nine Canadian children between them.

After the girls married and her son volunteered for service in the United States Navy, Mrs. Pett decided she wasn't going to stay home and be "weepy" so she and her husband moved to St. Louis.

Daughter of British Empire

In the 13 years she has been here, Mrs. Pett has kept quite active in the Daughters of the British Empire, an organization of English women who are living abroad. As state treasurer of the group, she has been instrumental in raising funds for the four geriatric homes the groups supports.

Hardly one to slow down although she is 65 years of age, Mrs. Pett has just moved to Richmond Heights and is busy fixing up a new home while helping her 66-year old husband start his own insurance firm.

Frankfort, Germany, is the home of Mrs. Anita Heywood, recently elected treasurer of the women's auxiliary. Mrs. Heywood left Frankfort 11 years ago armed with tri-lingual professional secretarial skills—fluency in English, French, and German plus shorthand ability in all three languages. Like many career girls she headed for New York where she worked for an import-export firm before meeting her future husband, who brought her to St. Louis in 1959.

No Hospital Frills

Fred S. Heywood, director of information services for Channel 4, knew about the Barnes Volunteer program. Mrs. Heywood had never done any hospital work in Germany as the hospital staffs are composed entirely of paid professionals. "German hospitals offer a kind of socialized medical treatment that allow no frills. The 'extras' of patient relations handled so beautifully here are nonexistent in Germany," she explained.

Sunday Strolls

Mrs. Heywood says she doesn't miss the heavy foods prepared in her homeland, but she does miss the ritual of the Sunday stroll. Each Sunday, the people of Frankfort put on their best clothes complete with hat and gloves to spend a leisure afternoon visiting with friends at one of the local coffee houses. "No one here takes time for such leisure elegance," she lamented.

She also misses the variety of excellent theatre and ballet from all the capitals of Europe that is available in Frankfort in volume during all but a few short summer months.

Like most Europeans, Mrs. Heywood is awed and sometimes frustrated at the great distances in the United States. "Traveling in Europe is quick and easy due to the close proximity of the countries. Getting to any of the numerous cultural events in Frankfort is faster than the drive from my home in Gladale to Barnes," she reported.

Gardening Popular

Small indoor greenhouses are popular throughout the metropolitan centers of Germany as the majority of the people live in apartments, and Anita Heywood has brought her garden to St. Louis. In a greenhouse built on the side of their house the Heywoods raise cacti, as Anita's mother does in Germany. Mrs. Heywood has been very active in the women's auxiliary, donating well over 1000 hours of service to the organization. She worked three years in social service, managed the baby photo service for two years, and spent a year in dietetics, prior to holding her present office.

"One thing I've learned here is that you have to be independent—everyone else is," Virginia Ruiz observed of life in the United States.

The 18-year old volunteer from San Juan, Costa Rica, was surprised at the freedom teenagers in America seem to enjoy. "I always asked my parents' permission to leave the house—even if I was only going to the store or to the mailbox. They usually said 'yes' but we were taught always to ask," Virginia explained.

Chaperoned Dating

"Dating always included a chaperone until you were engaged," she continued. "The chaperone could be your brother, father or even a girl friend, but there had to be three people if you were a respectable girl."

The dark-haired high school graduate said she realized her greatest dream when her parents consented to her proposed move to America. Her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Montes-de-Oca, live in St. Louis and she immediately came to live with them. Dr. Montes-de-Oca is an internist at Deaconess Hospital.

Virginia's parents reside in San Juan where Mr. Ruiz is a teleuter operator. She has a 17-year old brother who hopes to become a doctor, and a 7-year old sister.

Rarely Speaks Spanish

Before coming to America, Virginia studied English for five years but complains her training was mostly in grammar rather than conversation. Since arriving in St. Louis, she has taken intensive English courses both at the International Institute and St. Louis University. Today, she rarely speaks Spanish except to ask her uncle the English equivalent of a Spanish word.

With the exception of parental discipline, Virginia said teen-age life is much the same in Costa Rica as it is here. When she left last May the girls were starting to wear miniskirts and their hairdos were just like those she has seen in St. Louis.
The grinding of air hammers and drills at Barnes Hospital has become as commonplace as the wail of the ambulance siren and the amplified voice of central paging service. At no time in recent years have construction and remodeling been at a standstill. This is a necessary part of life in a medical center that grows and changes with the demands of modern medicine.

Walls came tumbling down in surgical pathology on the third floor of the service building when two rooms were combined to make one large and more efficient laboratory. Cabinets with sliding glass doors have been installed around the perimeter of the room with waist-high drawer space underneath. Sturdy work tables are built in the walls and a new ceiling heating and air conditioning system has been installed. A bright linoleum floor, white walls and fluorescent lighting make the laboratory more pleasant for the technicians and the testing procedures more efficient for the hospital.

The first floor waiting room in the Maternity building was constructed from a loading dock area. Now, a pleasant blue-painted reception area, it is centrally air conditioned and affords adequate seating space for patients waiting to be shown to their rooms. Formerly, patients waiting to be admitted had to sit on couches and chairs lined up along the heavily-trafficked center hall.

The Rand Johnson elevators will relieve much of the vertical passenger traffic problem and free other elevators for patients and freight. The structure is constructed of reinforced concrete and stainless steel with a brick facing. Letters of baked enamel on steel spelling out "Barnes Hospital" have been positioned down the outside front of the elevator shaft, identifying the entire medical center from a distance.

A contemporary new look greets visitors to the premature observation nursery on the fifth floor of Maternity building. Newborn babies are viewed through a glare-free glass wall within a handsome walnut frame. A brass railing and foot rest are positioned outside the window. Other changes include moving the hall door 40-feet closer to the nursing station, enlarging the doctors' scrub room, isolating the suspect nursery across the hall, and installing flood lights in the hall ceiling for easier viewing of the babies. A division also has been erected between the observation and premature nursery.

Dispatch department and the mail room were moved to new and larger quarters in the basement. The mailroom can now be completely locked off from other departments yet its location is central for the disbursement of mail through private boxes, and to the dispatch messengers who deliver letters and packages around the medical center.

Private dressing rooms and new equipment have been installed in the dispatch area, including a custom built laminated plastic desk for the five girls who take phone requests and organize them for messenger trips. An average of 200 calls a day are received over eleven incoming phone lines.
Intern Program for R.N. Grads

This summer Barnes is initiating an internship program for recent graduate nurses. The course will run June 17 to September 6 and will accommodate recent graduates from any nursing program on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program will supplement the nurse’s formal training and give her additional confidence and experience to prepare her for a staff nurse position.

3 Month Program

The course will encompass two months of supervised clinical experience in medical-surgical nursing and one month in the nurse’s chosen area. The nurse will also be given team management training and invited to attend individual and group conferences with other nurse interns and experienced nursing personnel.

The nurse interns will be allowed to take advantage of teaching programs at Barnes which include medical and nursing conferences and nursing grand rounds with panels of medical, nursing, religious and social work consultants. Each entrant will be paid a stipend equal to two-thirds of a beginning registered nurse’s salary with total time equal to a regular 40-hour week. There will be no obligation for the nurses to remain on the Barnes staff after completion of the program.

Unique Program

Barnes is one of the few hospitals in the country offering such an internship program, and the nursing office is unable to estimate the anticipated response. The course is being offered to all graduate nurses with either diploma, baccalaureate, or associate of arts degree.

If there is sufficient response to the summer class, the program will be scheduled again.

Four Nurses Attend Mid-West Conference

Four nurses from the Medical Center attended the recent Mid-West Hospital Association Convention held in Kansas City. The group heard lectures on “Quality Patient Care,” “The Role of the Nurse in Today’s Hospital,” “Nursing Trends” and other subjects significantly related to their work.

The attendants from the nursing division were: Miss Mildred Brocksmit, head nurse recovery room; Mrs. Diane Ragdale, assistant head nurse in Ward 1410; Mrs. Mary Walker, registered nurse on eighth floor Rand Johnson; and Miss Sandra Schroeder, head nurse in Ward 1200.

ENSIGN MARIANNE BOGEL receiving her promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy Nurse Corps. She was a 1966 Barnes nursing graduate.

Barnes Graduate

Marrianne Bogel Commissioned

Lt. (j.g.) Marrianne Bogel, a Navy nurse who graduated from Barnes, recently wrote her alma mater to tell of her life on a military base.

Marrianne explained that most of her patients are only 18-20 years of age. “They seem to appreciate, more than any patient I have ever met, everything said or done for them,” she said.

The Barnes nurse said she finds her work in Chelsea, Massachusetts, stimulating and eventful though hardly enjoyable due to the graveness of the cases she works on. Her tour of active duty will be up in six months after which her plans are undetermined.

One incident Marianne related involved a Navy corpsman who was trained at Chelsea and sent to Vietnam. “He was returned a few weeks ago with both hands amputated. He is 19 years old,” Lt. Bogel wrote.

Procedure Book Being Revised

The procedure committee of the Barnes nursing service is working on a revision to the present Barnes Hospital Procedures book. The purpose is to update outdated procedures or inefficient job techniques as in dressings, irrigations, treatment of tracheotomy apparatus, etc. The committee also establishes new procedures as they are needed. The new book is expected to be ready for publication within the next two months.

Any suggestions for new procedural changes in nursing practices should be directed to a member of the committee. They are: Mrs. Joan Malone, Miss Mary Walker, Miss Pat Hiner, Miss Joan Wickman, Mrs. Joan Hacker, Mrs. Donna Thrapp, Mrs. Pat Granger, Mrs. Sherry Long, Miss Mary Phipps, Mrs. Hilda Dowling, Mrs. Carolyn Weimer, Mrs. Valerie Weygandt, and Mrs. Joan Burns. All of the committee members are nurses at Barnes Hospital with the exception of Mrs. Weygandt from the nursing school and Mrs. Burns from Forest Park Community College.

Engagements

Judy Bellovic, Linda Barker

Annonce Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas M. Bellovic, 2804 Marcella Avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Joyce, to Michael Joseph D’Augustine of Freeport, Grand Bahama. Judy graduated from Barnes School of Nursing and is assigned to the operating room. Her fiancé attends St. Louis University. The wedding will take place June 8.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Linda Anne Barker and Dennis C. Cooper. Miss Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Barker of Kansas City, is a senior in Barnes School of Nursing. Her fiancé is a first-year student in Washington University’s School of Medicine. His parents are the Irving Coopers of Ballwin, Missouri. Plans are being made for a September wedding to be held in St. Louis.

O.R. Seminar Held

By Mrs. Dixie Lee Stamm, Head Nurse Operating Room

Miss Dee Petti, staff nurse McMillan operating room and Mrs. Dixie Lee Stamm, head nurses Barnes operating room, attended the 12th American Sterilizer Company Professional Seminar on operating room service held recently at the Palmer House in Chicago. The AMSCO Seminar was an intensive presentation of current concepts and practical procedures for improving efficiency and raising standards in the operating room area.

During the conference it was brought out that the past decade has produced greater advances in the extent and delicacy of surgical procedures than the entire previous century. This has, of course, required equally drastic changes in equipment, procedures and techniques with which operating room service supports its surgical teams.

To meet the steadily mounting responsibilities for graduate level treatment of the most current experience and research relating to the operating room, the seminar approach provided a most effective means of interpreting current concepts at the practical working level. Over 200 nurses from 27 states attended the five-day conference.

Nursing Promotions

Recent promotions announced by the nursing office include the following persons: Miss Rowena Truxel has been promoted from staff nurse to assistant head nurse on the third floor of Barnes, Miss Ann Bally promoted from staff nurse to assistant head nurse on the twelfth floor of Rand Johnson, Miss Joan Wickman from assistant head nurse to head nurse on second floor Rand Johnson, and Mrs. Cherrilyn Robinson from staff nurse to assistant head nurse on second floor Rand Johnson in the intensive care unit.

Hampton Takes Blood Course

MR. DONNELL HAMPTON, technician in Barnes Blood Bank, is shown at work during a post-graduate course in Immunohematology held March 24-29 in Raritan, New Jersey. Mr. Hampton, a member of the American Medical Technologists, attended the course with 15 other technicians from hospitals throughout the United States. With Mr. Hampton is Margaret Treacy, the Educational Services Associate of the Philip Levine Laboratories.
July 1 Appointments

**Eleven Medical School Grads to Intern Here**

Eleven graduating seniors at Washington University School of Medicine will begin their internship at Barnes Hospital July 1, 1968. Eighty-three graduate students participated in the National Intern Matching Program March 12 in Clotpton Auditorium.

The NIMP acts as a clearing agency in matching medical students with approved hospital internships according to the preference of both the student and the hospital.

Surgery interns will be: Kenneth J. Arnold, 4943 Buckingham Court, undergraduate degree from Notre Dame; H. Bradley Binnington, 4548 Clayton Ave, Washington University; and Stephen L. Kast, 1356 Swallow Ave., Davidson College.

The two interns in private medicine will be: Edgar C. Boedeke, 209 S. Eacid, Harvard; and Clark W. Deem, 3032 Lanston Place, Amherst. Pathology interns: Joseph M. Davis, 6622 Villa, Indiana University; David K. Kaufman, 4520 Forest Park Blvd., Reed College, and Mark H. Zweig, 7552 Oxford Drive, Washington University.

Doctors choosing ward medicine are: Ralph E. Coleman, 3737 Morganford, University of Evansville; Neil T. Feldman, 740 Eastgate, University of Maryland; and Lynn M. Tausig, 4462 Forest Park, Harvard.

All of the interns are married with the exception of Doctors Coleman and Feldman.

**Dr. John A. Collins Named Markle Scholar**

**Five-Year Appointment Includes Burn Unit Work**

Dr. John A. Collins, assistant surgeon, has been named a Markle Scholar in academic medicine for 1968-1973 under the sponsorship of the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation.

The appointment includes a $30,000 grant to be distributed over a five-year period.

The purpose of the grant is to improve medical education and research by giving both recognition and financial support to promising faculty members of medical schools.

The money may be used in whatever manner the recipient chooses. Dr. Collins said a portion of his stipend would be used for research and development in the burn and trauma unit.

Other members of the Barnes staff who have received appointments as Markle Scholars include: Doctors Walter Ballinger, Harvey Butcher, Joe Grisham, David Kipnis, George Morrison, Gerald Perkoff, and Robert Utiger.

**Volunteers Wear Rabbit Habit**

**Easter Bunnies visited the children in Barnes burn and trauma unit and McMillan with baskets of candy and toys. Mrs. Marian Alexander and Miss Pam Willhite dressed as girl and boy rabbits respectively, are accompanied by other members of the women's auxiliary of St. Louis Children's Hospital.**

**N. H. "Bill" Davis Appointed Personnel Employment Head**

**Better Benefits**

**Eligibility Age**

**Lower; More Money for Pension Plan**

Increased benefits for members of Barnes Pension Plan will become effective July 1, 1968, it was announced by John Boyer, assistant director in charge of personnel.

The normal retirement age will be reduced from 66 to 65 years of age for both men and women registered in the pension program.

Also the method of determining the monthly stipend paid to an employee upon retirement has been changed. As of July 1, all payments will be based on the average salary of the highest five consecutive years out of the last ten years of employment preceding retirement. Previously, the pension was computed on the basis of career earnings which gave a lower pension base pay than provided for in the improved plan.

These changes are not retroactive. They apply only to member employees retired on or after July 1, 1968.

To qualify for retirement benefits the employee must be a contributorly member of the pension plan for at least one year before retirement is anticipated. Also, pension plan participants must be full-time Barnes employees over 30 years of age, have had three or more years of continuous service, earn over $400 per year, and have begun continuous service at Barnes before their 64th birthday.
B'nai B'rith Makes Toys for Eye Patients

EYE PATIENTS IN McMillan try on hand puppets made by members of the B'nai B'rith County Chapter No. 1123. Gaily colored picture books, jigsaw puzzles, puppets and aprons are made by the organization and distributed by Mrs. Ruth Barr, occupational therapist. Seated with the children are Mrs. Albert Burack, center, and Mrs. Richard Ballin.

Messenger of the Month Appointed

Messenger of the Month Steve Slaughterbeck is an industrious 17-year-old who crams as many projects. An advocate of the theory that "a person can accomplish everything he really wants," Steve is currently working toward his high school diploma at night while holding down a fulltime job during the day.

Before Steve left Southwest High School's day program, he had a grade point average of 97 out of a perfect 100. He is currently taking algebra, economics, psychology and English in hopes of going on to college in either pre-medicine or electronic engineering.

Steve is as serious about his job in dispatch as he is about studies. He is a quick and alert messenger and has the ability to combine a number of jobs efficiently. He has the distinction of handling the largest number of dispatch messages ever recorded in the department.

When not working or studying Steve has a number of hobbies. He has won four trophies in handball, three ribbons in basketball, and also plays football. In addition he received a scholastic achievement award for a watercolor sketch in a citywide art contest.

Steve's latest interest is a Honda 450 Scrambler which he rides to work from his apartment at 4561 Laclede. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slaughterbeck and he has an eight-year-old sister, Elizabeth.

Mr. Slaughterbeck was rated on the qualities of punctuality, reliability, appearance, patient interest, courtesy, attitude, improvement and productivity, by a panel of four.

Don Carter Killed

Donald L. Carter, the recently hired manager for Records and Recruitment, was killed in an automobile accident April 13, after one week of employment at Barnes Hospital. Mr. Carter, 28, succeeded John Lewis, who resigned to take a position in Washington, D.C.

Don Carter and his wife were driving near Waynesville, Missouri, when their car was struck by another vehicle. Both were hospitalized. Mrs. Margaret Carter was treated and released but Mr. Carter died at the hospital soon after the accident.

The Carters, originally from Saginaw, Michigan, moved to St. Louis in 1966 when he accepted a position as unit analyst in cost reduction at McDonnell. He left McDonnell in April to join Barnes. The Carters resided at 8559 Ridge in Ferguson. They have no children.

Mrs. Allen Appointed

Mrs. Spencer Allen, past president of the Barnes Hospital Women's Auxiliary, has been appointed to a one-year term as auxiliary chairman of the Fifth District of the Missouri Hospital Association. The fifth district encompasses the entire St. Louis area and has a membership of 25 hospital auxiliaries.

Robert Nelson Speaks

Robert J. Nelson, assistant director for Hospital Services, addressed a Conference on Prematurity held March 28 at the St. Louis Medical Society Auditorium. Mr. Nelson spoke at a symposium entitled "How Can We Act to Reduce Premature Births?" during the one-day event co-sponsored by St. Louis University School of Nursing and the St. Louis League for Nursing.

$7500 Kidney Research Grant Awarded Barnes

A $7500 check for kidney research was presented recently to Dr. Neal S. Bricker, associate physician and head of Barnes renal division, by the Metropolitan St. Louis Kidney Foundation. Dr. Bricker reported the money is being used to cover costs of new laboratory space, renovate one of the existing laboratories, and provide new quarters for animal research. The construction is scheduled to be completed in late May.

The volunteer kidney foundation, composed largely of relatives and friends of persons with kidney diseases, raised a total of $10,500 to be donated for kidney research. The remainder of the donation was presented to Dr. Rex L. Jamison, head of Jewish's renal division, to be used for a research fellowship by Dr. Fred Weisser.

The money represented the proceeds of the foundation's first fund drive, a trick-or-treat candy sale held last fall.

Rehabilitation Institute Student in Time Magazine

A former student of the Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation of Washington University School of Medicine, Robert Martin Arhelger, was featured in the March 15 issue of Time Magazine.

Although a victim of cerebral palsy, Mr. Arhelger is one of the top third-year law students at Stanford University with a grade point average of 3.57 on a scale of 4.00. He types with a prong attached to his forehead by a band, and dictates essay examination answers.

In 1957, when he first came to the Rehabilitation Institute, Bob Arhelger was taught to dress himself and use a wheelchair properly. Staff members commented they were pleased to see one of their boys getting such good publicity. "It's good for our morale as well as for the patients," one said.