Radiation Therapy Unit To Open

A $35,000 Cobalt Unit is Added

A radiation therapy section, featuring a $35,000 cobalt-60 teletherapy machine for cancer treatment, will be opened soon in a former storage area in the basement of the hospital. The Women’s Auxiliary contributed $30,000 for purchase of the machine. Cost of converting the storage area into the cobalt unit was $115,000.

The two treatment rooms in the new nine-room suite will house the cobalt-60 and a 250 KV X-ray machine for deep therapy. These two rooms are of concrete construction with walls 20 inches thick and ceilings 22 inches thick. Doors to the treatment room are heavily insulated with sheet lead and the treatment area of the room is separated by a 16-inch thick concrete wing wall.

The technician on duty will be able to watch the patient through observation windows in the wall of either treatment room while controlling both X-ray machines from the outside. The windows are five-and-a-half inches thick. The glass is heavily saturated with particles of molten lead. These huge hunks of semi-transparent material, giving the glass a brownish tint, weigh up to 200 pounds each for a small window.

According to the architectural firm designing the suite, the area had to be placed below ground level to avoid the possibility of rays penetrating the walls and projecting into occupied hospital rooms. Construction of the area was governed by Atomic Energy Commission rules.

Included in the basement suite are an isotope storage room, examination room, recovery room, office, four dressing cubicles, waiting room, and rest rooms. There is also a radiology research laboratory which will be used when the department is able to obtain necessary research equipment.

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Five New Board Members Elected

Five new directors have been elected to the hospital’s board of directors.

They are: J. Arthur Baer, II, vice-president in charge of merchandising and publicity, S. Baer & Fuller; Julius Cohen, chairman of the board, Central Hardware Company; Edwin Levis, Jr., partner, Newhard Cook and Company, investment brokers; Ben Hoffman, president, American Waste Material Company, and Mrs. Harry Milton, former president of the hospital’s women’s auxiliary.

(Mrs. Milton is the current vice-chairman of the American Hospital Association council on hospital auxiliaries and chairman of the Missouri Hospital Association committee on auxiliaries.)

Six other directors whose terms expired in 1960 were re-elected to serve another three-year term. They are: Norman Bierman, I. E. Goldstein, Sam C. Sachs, Herbert Schiele, Gordon Scherk and Milward A. Waldheim.

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It’s the human factor without which Central Supply could not always be available in emergencies, he said. That factor consists of 18 workers, technicians, aides, and six people, 24-hour basis by Central Supply departments.

Their duties? Some fold dressings and bandages which are sent out on a large dumb-waiter to the works hard 8 hours a day, feels that he is satisfaction. The job is most satisfying. The speaker was Terry Holbrook, one of four technicians who make the all-important, life-giving oxygen teams operating out of Jewish Hospital’s heart.

And “heart” is what Central Supply really means. By consider the list, part of the hospital’s year-end administrative services report. From Central Supply:

- 240,395 needles cleaned, sterilized,
- 238,854 syringes cleaned, sterilized,
- 164,302 pairs of gloves,
- 29,540 coronal solutions,
- 6,659 oxygen service calls,
- 612,901 cubic feet oxygen consumed
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That’s only half of the many jobs tackled on a seven-day, 24-hour basis by Central Supply. On a visit there the other day— it’s located just past the ground floor lobby on the way to Steinberg Memorial—276 hands busy supervisor Vernon Bean to sum up what makes Central Supply tick.

Volunteers Honored for Long Hours

An awards night for volunteers at Jewish Hospital was held March 9 at the Moses Shoenberg Auditorium. The ceremony, sponsored by the hospital’s board of directors and the women’s auxiliary, was followed by a reception.

At the event, 163 volunteers with at least 150 hours of service each received white bars for their uniform. Each bar represents 15 hours of service. An additional 112 volunteers have accumulated more than 500 hours.

Top award winner at the event, with 7,200 hours, was Dr. Alfred Goldman, volunteer chairman of the hospital’s gift gallery. Mrs. Elinor D. Abrahamson was honored for 5,000 hours, and Mrs. B. Harvey Nathan, received awards for 4,800 hours.

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Wonder Drugs

Damage Ear, Audience Told

Dr. Joseph E. Hawkins was guest speaker at the fourth annual Samuel B. Westlake Memorial Lecture in Steinberg Auditorium. Dr. Hawkins, director of research in otolaryngology at New York University, spoke of possible damage to the ear caused by wonder drugs.

Among the drugs discussed, he warned that streptomycin, if used for a prolonged period, could damage to the inner ear, leading to a loss of balance.

Dr. Hawkins emphasized the “importance of much more careful laboratory testing of new antibiotics before they are approved for clinical trial.”

Psychiatric Unit

Aided By Fund

The Ellen Steinberg Department of Child Psychiatry recently received $250 from the Globe-Democrat Fund for Children, established with proceeds of the Globe’s annual Old Newsboys Day.

The money will purchase a record player and special record collections designed for educational and therapeutic purposes. The player will be located in the unit’s nursing station and will be connected with a loud speaker installed in the department.

“Children respond very well to music, particularly in the enjoyment that it gives and in the way it is possible to organize a group activity around it,” reports Dr. Quentin Rae Grant, the unit’s clinical director.

Cobalt Unit (cont’d)

With cobalt treatment, cancer patients receive fewer radiation side effects, such as skin changes, and receive radiation which penetrates deeper into the tissue.

The cobalt source of the machine is a “wafer” about the size of a dime. This cobalt material can last about ten years.

Dr. Hyman Senturia, director of the division of radiology, will be in charge of the area. He will be assisted by Mrs. Doris Zahradka, both a medical technologist and registered nurse. Dr. Senturia, or another medical radiologist, will prepare the patient and Mrs. Zahradka will carry out the outline of the treatment.

Average cobalt treatment time for cancer patients is from four to six weeks — with daily three-to-four minute sessions.

The present second-floor north diagnostic X-ray area will continue to be used after the radiation therapy department is opened. Isotope treatments for patients with blood conditions will also be available on the second floor.
Two Nursing Events Listed

Two School of Nursing activities held in early March were the annual "Nurse For A Day" program on March 5, and a capping ceremony for freshmen students on March 10.

On March 5, junior and senior high school students interested in nursing careers were guests of the school for the day. Activities included a buffet luncheon and tours of the school's classrooms and dormitory facilities.

Eighty-one school of nursing freshmen received their caps in the traditional candlelight ceremony on March 10.

Both activities were held in the Moses Shoenberg Memorial.

Physician from Chile is Visitor Here

Dr. Jaime Motlis, chief physician at the Jewish Public Polyclinic in Santiago, Chile, recently spent four weeks at Jewish Hospital on a Pan American Health Organization fellowship.

Dr. Motlis was in St. Louis primarily to study the organization and operation of our home care, long-term care and rehabilitation programs. Interested in establishing a federal geriatric agency in Chile, Dr. Motlis left to observe operations at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, and Bellevue Hospital, New York.

A story about Dr. Motlis' visit to the hospital appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

LEUKERMA GRANT FIRST IN CITY

Representatives of Miriam Lodge 17, United Order True Sisters, Inc., recently presented $700 to Jewish Hospital for establishment of the Miriam Leukemia Fund.

The grant — first of its kind to a St. Louis area hospital — will help alleviate administrative, technical, and processing costs in blood transfusions for leukemia patients of all ages. The grant does not relieve the patient of his responsibility to provide donors, however.

Presenting the gift to Mr. David A. Gee, associate director, were Mrs. Stanley L. Lopata, chairman of the Miriam Cancer Service Program, and Mrs. R. R. Zimmerman, chapter president.

Mrs. Filliez has a Day

After more than 31 years as a nurse's aide at the hospital, Mrs. Amelia Filliez has retired.

On her retirement day, December 20, she was honored with a private luncheon and a tea. At the tea, she received a four-piece luggage set from the hospital's OBGYN physicians, a transistor radio set from friends, many of them in the nursing division, and jewelry from the housekeeping department.

Mrs. Filliez, who is now in Florida, joined the hospital in 1925 at the age of 42. She made thousands of friends among young mothers on the maternity floor by making beds, passing nourishment, and cheerfully going about her chores.

Mrs. Filliez wants to become an expert gardener in retirement. "If I have luck, I'll send you all a bouquet of flowers next summer," she said.
DR. FENDLER DIES

Dr. Sylvester Fendler died of heart disease January 13 at the age of 62. Dr. Fendler, graduated from Washington University School of Dentistry in 1919 and served on the courtesy staff of JH and Jewish Dental School in 1919 and served on the courtesy staff of JH and Jewish Dental School.

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Capsules

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PHYSICIANS PROMOTED

Two long-time members of Jewish Hospital's medical staff have been honored with promotions—Dr. Grover Liese and Dr. Paul S. Lowenstein, appointed to the Emeritus and Consulting staffs, respectively.

Dr. Liese, specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, has been an active medical staff member since 1926. Before promotion, he was attending obstetrician and gynecologist on the teaching section of the medical staff.

Dr. Lowenstein was appointed to the medical staff in 1922. He was president of the staff in 1935 and 1954, and served as chairman or member of many staff committees in the past three decades.

A surgeon specializing in peripheral vascular diseases, Dr. Lowenstein is currently president of the American College of Angiology.

REHABILITATION DIVISION

Dr. Franz U. Steinberg, director, participated in a one-day workshop sponsored by the St. Louis Health and Welfare Council January 25.

He was a member of a panel on "Encouraging the Staff to Work with the Aged."

Helen Davis, rehab secretary, was awarded $50 for a contribution she sent to Coronet Magazine's "Silver Linings" column. The article appeared in the December 1959 issue.

Alice Chadwick has been appointed occupational therapy supervisor, replacing Mrs. Barbara Johnson, who moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Janet Knudsen and Joanne Werner have joined the staff as physical therapists.

Ann Feldman became the Valentine bride of Carter B. Freeman, February 14.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Two new caseworkers have joined the department's staff—Mrs. Kathryn Bennett and Mrs. Ruth Ross.

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Mid-West Hospital Assn. in Kansas City, April 27-29.

DIVISION OF SURGERY . . .
Nelle Sicher, research technician, is moving to New York with her groom, Don Frisch. Nelle, who was married February 20, has been with the hospital since Sept. 1946.

BUSINESS OFFICES . . .
Taking a six-months’ vacation at Uncle Sam’s expense are Melvin Harrington, junior accountant, and Stephen Fendelman, part-time accounts payable clerk. PFC Mel and Pvt. Steve are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

New faces in the business offices include Louise Jourdan, bookkeeper; Sal Rosz, part-time accounting clerk; Martha Evans, discharge clerk; Elaine Goldberg, clerk-typist; Elaine Goldberg, billing clerk, and Evelyn Craig, auditing clerk.

Best wishes to newly-wed Judy Esker, credit and collections secretary, and groom, Warren.

DIVISION OF MEDICINE . . .
Helga Fellay is new secretary to Dr. Albert Eisenstein, division director.

COMMUNICATIONS . . .
Welcome to new communications supervisor, Joe Romiki. Joe replaces Mrs. Jane Lending, now a full-time housewife.

New voices at the switchboard belong to Grace M. Hise and Florence J. Valenta, who joined our staff of “hello girls.”

Congratulations to Corona Pohlmann, PBX operator, on the arrival of grandson Thomas Mark Hogan, on December 30.

Dr. Littauer Appointed
Dr. David Littauer is new chairman of the Tripartite Committee of the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and American Nursing Home Association. This is a liaison group to explore needs and recommended standards and programs for nursing homes and other institutions caring for the chronically ill and aged sick.

Watch For The Beacon! The Public Relations Office will soon publish a newsletter for service employees.

First edition of the paper, to be called The Beacon, is due about April 1.

“Jewish Center for the Aged” is the new name of the former Jewish Orthodox Old Folks Home at 1438 East Grand Boulevard.

Calling All Bowlers . . . The medical staff is organizing a mixed bowling league for doctors and their wives, to start action in August. There will be ten 6-member teams bowling at 9 p.m. each Thursday at Tropicana Lanes, 3600 Clayton Rd. Anyone interested should oil up their creaking joints and contact one of the following league officers:

Dr. Sam Freund, pres. J.E. 1-5933
Dr. Leonard Wiedershine, vice-pres. J.E. 1-5468
Dr. Murray Chinsky, sec.-treas. E.V. 5-5701
Better hurry — the quota’s almost filled!

Management Engineering . . .
Maurice D. Wolfe, assistant director and management engineer, participated in the 7th National Congress of the Association of Operating Room Nurses in New York, February 22-24. He was a member of a panel whose topic was “A Look Into the Future of the Operating Room Nurse.”

Mr. Wolfe will speak on “Industrial Engineering in Central Supply” at the 1960 convention of the

Medical Staff . . .
Dr. Joseph B. Kendis was elected president of the St. Louis County Medical Society.

Dr. Melvin M. Schwartz is new president of the St. Louis Society of Clinical Hypnosis.

The St. Louis Surgical Society’s new president is Dr. Jerome I. Simon.

Dr. Paul S. Lowenstein, president of the American College of Angiology, attended an International College of Angiology conference held in Hamilton, Bermuda.

A talk on “What is Marriage Counseling?” was presented by Dr. B. Y. Glassberg at an American Medical Association meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Arthur E. Strauss, one of the founders and past-president of the St. Louis Heart Association, was campaign chairman of the Heart Fund Drive for the third consecutive year. He appeared on KMOV-TV’s “Eye On St. Louis” to discuss the campaign.

Athlete Stan London has received two additional honors — the Kansas City Athletic Club’s invitational handball doubles tournament championship (with partner Al Goldstein), and the Elks’ Club award as outstanding handball player in the St. Louis area. (F.P.S. — He received a third dividend on February 17, when a new baby boy was added to his family.)
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Fund For Needy Established

An assistance fund for patients has been established at the hospital through a gift of $4,000 from the Beth El Congregation of Flat River, Missouri. The trustees of the congregation awarded the gift from the sale of their synagogue.

The assistance fund will provide transportation, ambulance service, and miscellaneous expenses for needy patients at Jewish Hospital.

The congregation dissolved when many of its members left the Flat River area, some coming to St. Louis. A large number of the synagogue’s members knew Jewish Hospital well, having traveled to St. Louis for many occasions.

1959 Statistics About the Hospital

1. Nine new beds were added, bringing to 494 the number of available beds in the hospital. Bed occupancy was 86.5 per cent.

2. Patient admissions: 15,835, an increase of 1,131 patients over 1958. Average length of stay for JH patients in acute divisions was 8.8 days. (excluding long-term disease, rehabilitation and psychiatric divisions). In 1958, average length of stay was 9.3 days.

3. The Aaron Waldfeld Clinics were visited by 11,530 patients, who made 19,109 individual visits. An average of 73 patients were treated daily at the clinic.

4. The division of pathology and laboratories conducted 217,456 laboratory examinations — 5,000 more than the previous year. Department of radiology registered 25,458 X-ray examinations.