THE CHRISTMAS STORY
According to ST. LUKE 2:1-20

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN THE LOBBY

CHRISTMAS EVE  3 O'CLOCK

A traditional event in the schedule of Barnes Hospital Medical Center is the Christmas Eve service. It is planned for patients, relatives, friends, and personnel.

The speaker this year will be Dr. Wesley Hager, pastor of Grace Methodist Church in our city. Many of our people in this medical center attend his church and some serve as officials in various departments. We count ourselves very fortunate in being able to draw him away from a very busy schedule on Christmas Eve.

Miss Helen Louise Graves is to be with us again as the one in charge of the musical program. Each year we are inspired by the interpretations that are given by her choral group. Miss Graves is widely known in our city as one who is making a distinct contribution to our public school young people through music. Mrs. Helen McCoy, the organist of Danforth Chapel, will play an organ recital at two forty-five.

A Christmas bulletin will be prepared for distribution to patients and personnel.
MISSOURI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENES

More than 1000 hospital administrators, nursing supervisors and directors, medical record librarians, hospital accountants, auxiliary members, and trustees of hospitals attended the annual convention of the Missouri Hospital Association at the Jefferson Hotel, December 12, 13, and 14. Mr. H. L. Burgin, associate director of Barnes Hospital, has been president of the organization during the past year.

The first meeting was a luncheon on December 12, at which Dr. Victor B. Buhler of Kansas City, president of the Missouri State Medical Association, spoke on Missouri’s health needs. The first afternoon’s program was a play produced by the St. Louis Chapter of the American Hospital Accountants Society. In the evening Miss Bertha Hochuli, administrator, Boone County Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, and new president of the Missouri Hospital Association, was honored at a reception in the Ivory Room.

Tuesday morning’s program was devoted to a joint meeting of the Hospital Association, with the League for Nursing, the Medical Record Librarians, and the Hospital Accountants groups on "Administrative Teamwork", with Sister Mary Susanne, S.S.M., dean of the St. Louis University School of Nursing, presiding, and Mrs. Deborah Jensen, St. Louis, president of the Missouri League for Nursing, serving as moderator. Among the panel participants were Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, associate director of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, and Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., a trustee of Barnes.

On Tuesday, December 13, at a luncheon meeting, Donald E. Bird, professor of communication, skills and speech, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, spoke on "Teamwork through Communications". During the afternoon session, Miss Mary C. Schambinger, R.N., administrator, DeEtte Harrison Detweiler Memorial Hospital, Wauseon, Ohio, spoke on the operation of the practical nurse training program in northwestern Ohio which has been described as "A Successful Demonstration in Teamwork".

The remainder of the day’s program was devoted to a panel discussion on "Careers in the Health Field".

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DRUG STORE WINDOW FEATURES NURSING

During the month of December the east windows of the Drug Store contain a display devoted to the field of nursing. The theme of the display is "A Nurse's Universe". Through the ingenious use of mobiles, four aspects of the nurse’s life are depicted—namely, the educational, social, religious, and recreational. The various types of nursing are portrayed through the use of photographs. Hospital nursing photographs show nurses at work in medical and surgical nursing, psychiatry, eye, ear, nose and throat, pediatric, and clinic nursing. The Armed Forces pictures show representatives of the Air Force, Army, and Navy. Government services are represented by the Indian Bureau and the Veterans Administration. Another group of pictures are devoted to the special services—polio nursing, Red Cross, geriatric nursing, private duty, public health, crippled children's nursing, industrial nursing, cancer research, medical missionary, camp nursing, and instructors in schools of nursing.

The smaller window is devoted to the Barnes students in training. The phases of student life and training are shown in the capping ceremony, classroom and laboratory study, bedside care, operating room, chapel services, and recreation.

The materials and their display were prepared by Miss Ann Vose, assistant superintendent of nurses in the Clinics, and Miss Kay Sudkamp, nursing supervisor in Barnes.

HERMAN N. EISEN JOINS STAFF AS CHIEF DERMATOLOGIST

On November 1, Dr. Herman N. Eisen joined our staff as dermatologist-in-chief and professor of dermatology on the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Eisen, who received his M.D. degree from New York University, served his residency in medicine at Bellevue Hospital, New York, and his residency in pathology at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Dr. Eisen was formerly assistant visiting physician at Bellevue Hospital, assistant attending physician in medicine at University Hospital, adjunct physician in charge of allergy at Beth Israel Hospital, and associate professor of industrial medicine at the New York University Post Graduate Medical School. He is associate editor of the Journal of Immunology, and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Association of Immunologists, and the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine.

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Credit and collection problems occupied the program on Wednesday morning, and on Wednesday noon Dr. F. R. Bradley, director of Barnes, presided over a special luncheon session at which Dr. Albert N. Snoke, president-elect of the American Hospital Association, spoke on the all-important topic of Hospital-Physician Relations. Dr. Bradley was guest speaker at the closing banquet at which the new association officers were installed.

Meeting jointly with the Missouri Hospital Association were the Missouri Chapters of the American Association of Hospital Accountants, the Missouri State Association of Medical Record Librarians, the Missouri League for Nursing, the Veterans Hospitals, and the Women's Hospital Auxiliaries.
STUDENT NURSES’ BASKETBALL TEAM

Standing, left to right: Patsy Robb, Melinda Billington, Nancy Carol Smith, Barbara Jean Schmitt, Laura Ann Wacker, Georgette Schur, Jenny Ann Sleight, Mary Ann Ryan, Gloria Metzger. Seated, left to right: Dorothy Cooper, (coach), Cynthia Steil, Betty Perkins, Virginia Threkheld, Reeda Ramick, Wanda Dawson, Mary Cole (assistant coach).

TWELVE ANESTHETISTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

On Thursday afternoon, December 15, graduation exercises were held in the Wohl Dining Room for twelve student anesthetists who completed their training in the Barnes Hospital School for Nurse Anesthetists.

Dr. F. R. Bradley, director of the Barnes group, spoke briefly to the group and presented diplomas to the following graduates:

- Frances Bittenbender
- Dolores Byrne
- Betty Hood
- Beverly Lattimer
- Jemne Lewis
- Margaret McIntyre
- Alice Peaslee
- Patricia McKelvey
- Fannie Santu
- LaVerne Schefick
- Nancy Upp
- Howard Jensen

Following the graduation exercises, tea was served in Wohl Dining Room for the graduates and their guests.

DR. FURLOW TO HEAD MEDICAL SOCIETY IN 1957

Dr. Leonard T. Furlow, neurosurgeon on the staff of Barnes Hospital, was named president-elect of the St. Louis Medical Society at its November meeting. Dr. Furlow will succeed Dr. Louis H. Kohler, superintendent of the St. Louis State Hospital.

The new president-elect has been on the Barnes staff since 1933. He is associate professor of clinical neurological surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, and is past president of the St. Louis Surgical Society, and secretary of the American Board of Neurological Surgeons. During World War II, Dr. Furlow served as Captain in the Naval Reserve Medical Corps for four years. He is also a staff member of Jewish Hospital, St. Luke’s Hospital, and DePaul Hospital.
It seems reasonable to say that individuals should be able to find new meanings in all events that represent ideals that are lasting. Each year of experience should add to our ability to evaluate those influences that have been transferred to us from others who have lived before us. At this time of the year we are reminded of this possibility. Last month we observed Thanksgiving, this month we think of Christmas, and next month we have the privilege of making a new beginning for another year.

The pessimist is always ready to play his sour note; ready to say that all is about as bad as it can be. But there is a bright side, if we desire to see it, as we think this year of the birthday of "The Prince of Peace". As this is written except for occasional police action and brief border clashes, the scourge of war has been banished from the whole earth. Even the cold war of distrust and suspicion has been modified somewhat in recent months. Some of the barriers of information and fellowship have been removed, and doors of hope for goodwill among men are a little ajar. There are those, of course, who hasten to say it is all simply a temporary breathing spell, and that we are in for big surprises of another sort. Maybe so, but who wants to be such a bringer of bad omens at a time established for good cheer?

When one reaches the point that he is unwilling to see the signs of hope about him, though at times they be dim, he is of all men most miserable. Christmas

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SCHOOL OF NURSING ACTIVITIES

On November 28, the class of June, '53 sponsored a Card and Game Night in Wohl Hospital Dining Room. Proceeds from this party will be used for their Black Band dinner to be held on December 23.

Eighteen students participated in the city-wide Student Association Choral Festival which was held at Kiel Auditorium on November 30. The proceeds from this festival are used to send delegates to the national and state student association meetings.

On December 6, the class of September, '53 prepared and served a pancake breakfast in Wohl Dining Room. Breakfast was served from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and approximately 175 people from the medical center attended.

The Christmas tea for all students in the School of Nursing was held in the residence from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on December 9. The following day an open house was held for prospective students from the city and county.

Several other events were planned for the Christmas season. The Christmas Tree Trim party was held on the evening of December 12, the Christmas Dance on December 17, in the residence, Christmas caroling in the hospitals on December 19, and the annual Christmas dinner in Barnes cafeteria on December 22.

The student nurses' basketball team has been active in league competition. On November 17, the Barnes-Washington U. team lost to Lutheran in a close battle by the score of 29-28. The game scheduled with DePaul on December 1, was cancelled. On December 8, our team was defeated by the Jewish Hospital team in a well-played game. The score was 38-28. The next game scheduled will be played against St. Mary's Infirmary on January 12.

CHRISTMAS TREE REGULATIONS

To avoid all possibility of fire, certain regulations regarding Christmas trees have been made by the St. Louis Fire Marshal's Office.

No cotton, tinsel or paper decorations should be used and all other ornaments should be flame-proof. All trees should be kept watered.

Everyone is urged to check all wiring very carefully before using, and to use good judgment in placing the trees so that fire extinguishers and doorways will not be obstructed. All trees should be taken down by January 4, at the latest.

CHECK CASHING SERVICE OFFERED EMPLOYEES

The administration of the hospital has arranged for the St. Louis Pay Truck Company to have one of its trucks at the hospital to cash checks for employees on our paydays, the sixth and twenty-first of each month. Any employee who wishes to take advantage of this service may have his check cashed at the truck for a nominal fee. The truck is stationed in the rear courtyard area during the hours of 1:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. when payday falls during the week, and during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when payday falls on Saturday.
PERSONNEL CHANGES

Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director, has announced that two valued employees are leaving Barnes Hospital. They will be missed by their many friends. Mrs. Martha Spencer, Personnel Director, has resigned effective Dec. 31, 1955, and Dec. 15 was the last day of work for Miss Lida Mae Kerr, Paymaster.

Miss Kerr, a 30-year veteran, began her service in Barnes Hospital as an assistant cashier on Jan. 1, 1926. Her duties in accounting office increased and in 1939 she headed the payroll office, an important task in a large institution. Her plans for the future include rest and relaxation while at the same time relieving her sister of some of the care of their invalid mother.

Mrs. Spencer, who has been Personnel Director since March, 1943, is leaving to take another position. Her hospital career began while still a college student. Her summer relief work in the nursing office interested her in hospitals, so that upon graduation in 1941 from Lindenwood College where she received a B.A. degree, she returned to Barnes as Assistant Personnel Director.

Their fellow employees will always hold the feeling of warm friendship for Mrs. Spencer and Miss Kerr. The administration of the hospital joins their many friends in saying that it has been a pleasure to work with them and in extending to each the best of wishes.

The position of Personnel Director will be assumed by Mr. Cidney C. Dade on Jan. 1, 1956. Mr. Dade was reared in Arkansas and Louisiana, and he worked for various companies in the sales field before interesting himself in hospitals. He has been employed in the office of Dr. Bradley as secretary since 1953.

On Dec. 15, Miss Helen Becker was installed as Worthy Matron of the Blue Star Chapter No. 387, Order of the Eastern Star. Miss Becker is assistant supervisor of the operating rooms, and has been on the Barnes nursing staff since 1947.

The installation was held at the Masonic Temple, with Miss Mary Jane Truman, Past Grand Matron of Missouri, serving as the installing grand matron.

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