Department Of Nursing Reorganization Begins

A reorganization of the Barnes Medical Center Department of Nursing, utilizing the experience and background of Miss Ann J. Campbell as Administrative Assistant, was announced this week by Associate Director Albert L. Boulenger.

Miss Campbell, who has been director of the Department of Nursing for Barnes since July 1, 1955, will be responsible for planning and coordinating the nursing program under the reorganization program. Nursing Service and Nursing Education will be separated

Miss Jean A. Martz has been appointed the new director of Nursing Service and Miss Elizabeth C. McIntosh has been named director of Nursing Education.

"Due to the rapid growth and complexity of a medical center regarding patient care, this position is of paramount importance. Few hospitals have such a post," Mr. Boulenger said.

"We must take a new look to determine the role of nursing in the light of the new responsibilities, problems and procedures. Coordinating and planning such a major endeavor requires the wisdom and judgment of someone with long experience, practical knowledge and an insight into the people aid aims of the Medical Center. I believe Miss Campbell is ideal for the job."

Commenting on the new post, Miss Campbell said a long and close look must be taken at present nursing care patterns as they are affected by the universal shortage of nurses. "A thorough analysis of the organization is necessary if patient needs and demands are to be met," she said.

Miss Campbell was superintendent of nurses at Maternity Hospital when it became part of the Medical Center Dec. 26, 1944. She remained in that capacity until Aug. 15, 1950, when she became superintendent of nurses for the Medical Center.

On July 1, 1955, when the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing opened, she became director of the Department of Nursing with responsibility for Nursing Education and Nursing Service. She held that post until the new appointment was made this week.

Miss Martz came to the Medical Center from Good Samaritan Hospital at Vincennes, Ind., where she was director of nursing for three years. Prior to that she was director of nursing at Chester Hospital at Chester, Pa., for three years.

She is a graduate of Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing at Philadelphia and took her BS degree in Nursing Education at the University of Pennsylvania, also at Philadelphia. She received her Masters (Continued on Page 3)

Cytogenetic Lab Seeks Cell Secret

A laboratory designed for the exploration of the basic components of the human cell, to predetermine hereditary weaknesses and abnormalities of the individual, was formally opened Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Medical Center.

Present for the formal opening were Dr. Jack J. Smith, St. Louis County Health Department and Dr. William T. Langston, Illinois Department of Health.

The lab was erected under a $150,000 grant to Barnes Hospital in May of last year by the John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., of New York City. Hartford was president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. His brother, George L. Hartford, was chairman of the board of A&P. Both men left substantial estates to the foundation.

In the new lab, Dr. Alfred I. Sherman and Dr. Ralph B. Wolf and their associates will search for chromosomal defects and their relationship to human abnormalities.

Chromosomes, 46 of which exist in each normal human cell, carry the genes which determine sex, physical characteristics, growth, mental ability and other individual traits.

Some abnormalities have already been identified through chromosome studies. They include mongolism (currently known as Down's disease), some types of mental deficiency, and abnormalities of sex. Some forms of human infertility, leukemia and all other types of cancer are also connected with changes in the chromosomal pattern and structure.

The plan to run chromosome tests on every newborn infant at the Medical Center once the study program gets underway. Blood samples will be taken from the discarded afterbirth, rather than the infant, to obtain the needed specimen.

Then, through regular health checks on the child as it grows older, a health pattern can be charted and correlated with the chromosomal pattern taken at birth.

Practicing physicians may refer patients for chromosomal analysis by prior arrangement with the laboratory.

Dr. Sherman, consultant in gynecology to Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology and associate in obstetrics and gynecology for Barnes Hospital-Washington University Medical Center, said he foresees "unlimited potential in unlocking the secrets of many diseases."

Dr. Wolf, associate obstetrician and gynecologist for the Barnes-Washington University Medical School Complex, said the laboratory is a "significant step toward new and vitally important health services. Barnes is ideally located for such a laboratory because the Medical Center receives a large number of referred patients with congenital abnormalities, from a wide geographic area."

Using a microscope at the Cytogenetic Lab to secure a chromosome count is Dr. Alfred I. Sherman. Below, Dr. Ralph B. Wolf and lab technician Sharon Giese prepare cells for placement in the laboratory's centrifuge.
January Anniversaries

Sixteen employees are marking January anniversaries at Barnes Hospital. Miss Emma Math, clerk in pharmacy, heads the list with 42 years of service. Miss Math began work in the record room of the old clinic building at Washington University in 1921, was transferred to the pharmacy where she served as cashier-clerk, and has been working part-time for the past two years in the new Wohl clinic building packaging drugs and prescriptions.

“Any changes have been made in my attitude toward my job at Barnes, it is only that I like it more,” Miss Math remarked. “I walk a mile to work—just because I like to walk—and I look forward to coming to the clinic pharmacy every day.”

Mrs. Math has lived in the same house all her life, the home her parents bought when they were married. She enjoys growing house plants and is an avid bridge player, belonging to the same bridge club for some 25 years. Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of service at Barnes are Leroy A. Gibson, journeyman in maintenance, and Ella Wright, dietary aide.

Erval Visor, senior nurse aide, and John F. Weissgerber, assistant supervisor in data processing are marking 15 years of employment at Barnes.

Ten years of service are observed by Buena V. Mc Kinney, folder and sewing girl in the laundry; and three women in nursing: Ruth M. Snyder, assistant supervisor; Gladys Cott felter, floor secretary; and Carrie Bradley, floor technician.

Completing five years at Barnes are: Ester I. Yates, floor tech nician; nursing; Wilma Fischer, senior staff nurse; Lilian Mayer, clerk-typist, nursing; William Heidrick, security watchman; Don F. Kovich, ward clerk, nursing; Bessie Lee, dietary; and George Gramlich, journeyman painter, maintenance.

FREE POLIO VACCINE

Two types of Sabin oral polio vaccine will be made available to all Barnes employees free of charge within the next two weeks. Type 1 and Type 2 will be given, but not Type 3. The two types will offer a very high degree of safety and protection. Those who have Salk vaccine shots are urged to increase their protection with the Sabin vaccine.

Department heads will distribute cards for employees to fill out. The tentative schedule is as follows: Type 1—Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. Type 2—March 15 and March 22.

WOMEN EMPLOYEES’ ARMED ESCORT WINS PRAISE

Personal recognition was given this month to Security Guard James H. Placher for his outstanding work in guiding women employees to the parking lots at night.

The armed guard service, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., was started by the Barnes Hospital group in December to further guard the safety of the hospital’s women employees.

Mr. Placher, who started with Barnes April 12, 1960, was commended by Director Harry E. Panhorst for his attention to the safety of the women.

Mr. Donald Donaldson, Security Officer for Barnes, added his praise.

But he cautioned that not all of the women employees are taking advantage of the armed guard service.

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER NAMED

The appointment of William C. Fogarty, Jr., as Public Relations manager for the Medical center was announced Jan. 1 by Director Harry E. Panhorst.

The new editor of the Hospital Record has been employed for the past 10 years as a newswoman, feature writer and news bureau manager for United Press International.

Mr. Fogarty started with UPI in Omaha, Neb., his hometown, in 1953 and became manager of that UPI bureau two years later. He served in that capacity until May of 1960 when he was promoted to the management of the St. Louis bureau of UPI.

Mr. Fogarty, employee of the hospital, promoted by the Medical Center, was Publicity and Public Relations Manager for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that he had served for two years as assistant to the Public Relations Manager of Nebraska Blue Cross-Blue Shield and for a brief period was executive secretary of the Nebraska Hospital Association.

“BED SPECS” BOUGHT BY BARNES AUXILIARY

“Bed Specs,” glasses made especially for patients who cannot sit up in bed, have been purchased by Barnes Hospital Auxiliary for use in the hospital.

The glasses, a prism type, allow a person to lie prone and still be able to see objects such as a book, television screen, or food tray. The experience of looking through the glasses is like lying flat on one’s back and viewing things through a tilted mirror above the head. The spectacles may be worn with or without other glasses.

“Bed specs” may be borrowed from the auxiliary office free of charge. A small deposit is made when the glasses are loaned. It is refunded when the patient leaves the hospital.

MRS. BRADLEY RETIRES

Lucelle Bradley, manager of the gift shops in Barnes Lobby and Wohl Hospital, retired this month after eighteen years of service at Barnes. She began work at Barnes in February, 1944.

She was honored by Director Harry E. Panhorst at a small meeting on January 3, and was presented with a gift certificate.

During her years at Barnes, Mrs. Bradley became interested in the arranging of artificial flowers, and was so skilled in the art that she sold her arrangements in the gift shops. She is presently known throughout the St. Louis area as one of the top arrangers in this field, and plans to continue artificial flower designing in her retirement.

Mrs. Bradley has a married daughter and three grandchildren living in Hannibal, Mo. Her parents reside in DuQuoin, Ill.
Know Your Hospital

Fine Food And Pleasant Atmosphere Are Pledged By Crest Dining Room Employees

The pleasures of dining out are now available at the Medical Center, and are as near as your station at Barnes is to the Crest Dining Room in Wohl Hospital.

The new restaurant went into operation on January 7, and has been serving an average of 500 people per day during the brief time it has been open.

“One of the principal objectives in planning the restaurant was to provide a place on hospital grounds where personnel, staff, and the public could dine in pleasant surroundings and have good food at reasonable prices,” Associate Director Donald Horsh said. “We believe that this aim has been achieved.”

Mr. Horsh credited Doris Cook, director of dietetics, and Pat King, dietitian in charge of the Crest, for success in this direction.

Mrs. Cook pointed out that the menu is constantly changing to suit the tastes of the clientele. “For instance, we have learned that people prefer clear soups over the cream type,” she said. “And we find that there is such a demand for blanc mange desserts that we can scarcely make enough to go around every day. It is our intention to give the customer the kinds of food they want, and we are watching their requests carefully in order to meet their needs.”

Both cafeteria and table service are available at the Crest. Those in a hurry may prefer the self-service; those with time to eat in leisure may enjoy the table service with waitresses.

In lieu of tipping for table service, a 40 cents charge per person is made.

Plans are also under way to expand the table service for private luncheons and dinners, according to Mr. Horsh. “Future projects call for the alumni office, now next door to the Crest, to move to a new location,” he explained. “When this is accomplished, the area formerly occupied by the alumni office may be developed for serving private meals to hospital staff and administration.”

Two menus are offered at the Crest: one for cafeteria service, and one for table service. A wide choice of meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts are ready for both menus at identical prices. The table service menu, however, lists additional items at a higher cost such as broiled steaks, lobster tails, ribs, roasts, and fancy desserts and salads.

Barnes Hospital Auxiliary is providing hostesses at the Crest, with volunteers directing clientele to tables and answering questions on the restaurant’s service. The hostesses will wear the auxiliary’s traditional pink pinafore uniforms when they are on duty. Members of the auxiliary volunteering to serve as hostesses are: Mrs. William Perry, Mrs. William Theodore Shaw, Mrs. Edward Currier, Jr., Mrs. Selden M. Spencer, and Miss Margs Kalaseeh.

The restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Lunch is served from 11:00 to 2:00, and dinner from 5:00 to 8:00. Sandwiches and beverages are offered in-between-times. Crest Room service is offered seven days a week, but waitress service is presently not available on Saturdays and Sundays.

Eleven men and women are employed in the operation of the Crest, including manager Ann Emory, head cook Marcellus Watkins, John Marbles, Marcellus Murray, Lee Willard Hawkins, Barbara Beckman, Mattie Perry, Marjorie Williams, Helen Jaeger, Gertrude Schneblin, and Jo Ann Ward.
Twenty Employees Promoted At Barnes Within Past Month

The personnel office announced the promotion of 30 employees in the period from December 14 through January 6. Advancements to nurse assistant numbered eleven. They included Mariah Harvey, Mary Gillmore, Barbara Bachmann, Lois Ann Mosley, Mary Harris, Johnnie Mae West, Betty Reynolds, and Mary Alice Walker. Six women were promoted to senior student nurse anesthetist, including Dorothy Burst, Hilda Campbell, Nancy Maderia, Jeannette Schulz, Velma Williams, and Joan Bollinger. New senior nurse assistants are Kathryn Finn, Lettie Smith, and Charles Hartley.

Ethel Mae Like has been promoted to junior nurse assistant, William Henegy to floor technician, and Thelma Purvis is now E.C.G. assistant chief and teaching supervisor.

Other advancements include Delia Douglas to insurance clerk, Eileen Gerner to assistant chief technician in charge of the cardiovascular laboratory, Sylvia Kanohna to assistant administrative dietitian, Regina Cash to dictaphone operator and Avonna Ault to secretary.

Mary Ledbetter and Lydia Lois Wells are both promoted to ward clerks; Karen Phillips, Mary C. Moore, and Marcella Hoffman are advanced to head nurse.

New administrative diettian is Helen Ruth Emerson.

Volunteer Project: Hospitality

Out-of-town patients admitted to Barnes Hospital are enjoying a new hospitality service initiated by members of the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary.

The volunteers check hospital admittance sheets every day to learn the names and room numbers of patients from outside the St. Louis area. Then they visit the patient, make him feel welcome at Barnes, and offer him a variety of services.

A courtesy cart can be brought to the patient’s bedside so that he may purchase a toothbrush, comb, cigarettes, or other item that was forgotten in coming to the hospital. The volunteers will also bring books from the library, send someone to read to the patient, write a letter, or just pay a friendly visit. They also offer information and maps about St. Louis to the patient’s relatives.

Members of the hospitality committee include Mrs. Arthur R. Niemoeller, Mrs. Mark Russel, Mrs. Skylay Herring, Mrs. Robert Erickson, Mrs. Paul Hitt, Mrs. William Perry, and Mrs. Ruth Gershom. Mrs. Spee Allen is chairwoman of the committee.

One of the volunteers, Mrs. Skylay Herring, makes a round trip of 160 miles each week from her home in Eola, Mo., to serve on the hospitality project.

Staffed by volunteers like Mrs. Herring, the hospitality project promises to be a great success.

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