Barnes Nurse Choir Gives Annual Christmas Recital For Patients

The annual Christmas Program was presented the evening of Dec. 18 in the Barnes lobby by the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing Choir under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Schuller.

The program, arranged by Joseph T. Greco, associate director of Barnes, featured Christmas carols by the 120-girl choir, interspersed by a Christmas narrative written for the occasion by Greco.

Visitors, patients and employees crowded the lobby to hear the Nurse Choir, which has consistently won high acclaim from music critics.

Misses Velora Kohrmann and Ruth Healy read the Christmas narrative. Miss Linda Summerslot was the accompanist.

After the formal program, the choir divided into groups of seven and went to various parts of the hospital where they sang carols for bedfast patients.

Greco got the idea for the pageant while touring Johns Hopkins in 1955. He wrote the narrative, using several bibles so as to create an interdenominational story.

"The pageant cheers the patients and gives the student nurses—many of whom are away from home for the first time—a feeling of 'belonging' and of being part of the Christmas celebration," he said.
BARNES-ALLIED SEE EVEREST ASCENT; MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS DR. HORNBEIN

Approximately 200 members of the Barnes and Allied Hospitals Society and the St. Louis Children’s Hospital Society attended the 36th annual dinner of the societies at the University Club Dec. 5.

Speaker at the dinner was Dr. Thomas F. Hornbein, Dr. Hornbein and William Unsoeld, a Peace Corps member, were the first men ever to scale the west ridge of Everest and then traverse the towering, 29,028-foot peak.

Dr. Robert B. Dodd, anesthesiologist-in-chief at Barnes, introduced Dr. Hornbein and presented him with an honorary membership in the St. Louis Medical Society—the 40th living physician so honored.

Dr. Dodd said the same self-discipline which enabled Dr. Hornbein to scale the peak was also apparent when he studied medicine and his specialty—anaesthesia—at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Following the dinner, Dr. Hornbein showed over 150 color slides taken during the historic ascent of the Himalayan mountain.

Dr. Hornbein, prior to a term of military service with the Navy and his participation in the Everest Expedition, was an assistant anesthesiologist on the Barnes staff.

He now lives near Seattle and is an associate professor at the University of Washington.

Safety Program Gets Underway

The aim of the safety program instituted at Barnes is the health, safety and welfare of the employees and better patient care through the use of approved safety practices, Safety Coordinator Charles C. DeRousse said this month.

“The safe worker shows he has the best interests of the patient and his fellow workers at heart. Administration can provide the safest tools and equipment but it is the responsibility of the individual worker to employ these tools intelligently,” DeRousse said.

Department supervisors appreciate the value of accident prevention, he said, and Administration is backing the program completely. “After all, accident prevention and standard safety practices are simply a part of high operating efficiency,” he said.

Every accident that has occurred or will occur is traceable to either personal carelessness or faulty equipment, DeRousse continued. “It is the duty of each Barnes employee to search out and eliminate these hazards to life and limb.”

It is with this in mind that the Safety Committee—composed of Donald Horsh, John Boyer, James Claywell, Dillon Trulove, Carl Pfeifer and DeRousse—have asked all Barnes employees to report safety hazards for action by the committee.

Suggestions for safety improvements in any job procedure or any area of the hospital should be sent to the Safety Department.

Full credit will be given to anyone making a worthwhile suggestion. Recognition will be made by the Safety Committee and will be printed in the Hospital Record.

“Remember, your job is only as safe as you make it,” DeRousse said.

Safety Tip

By Charles C. DeRousse

Remember the yellow caution flag.

Be alert and accident-free.

Open desk drawers can be dangerous.
At this particular time of the year, as we come to the close of the old calendar and face the new one, we could learn a very important and significant lesson from big business. We could spend some extra time, as the successful merchant does, and take stock of what the past year has really been like.

This would give us a clearer path for the days ahead, and one that we might easily miss without making use of the stock-taking process.

Some might respond to this type of comparison by pointing out that the values are different; that the merchant is interested in checking up on material things and that character elements are not quite the same. This being true in some degree, we are still left with the question as to how much progress we have made over a given period of time.

The business man often discovers that he has done some things in the wrong way, and that in order to get a greater return he will have to make some changes in the future. This same thing is so often discovered in going over the inventory of personal matters. In either case, the improvements for the new year will have to be decided upon after much sincere and determined deliberation.

For some it will just be too much trouble to really try.

For those who do try, it is well to remember that a personal inventory is never complete without a consideration of the responsibilities we carry each day.

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**Recreation Dept. Stumps Panelists With Quiz Program At Renard**

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**VOLUNTEERS BRIGHTEN PATIENTS' HOLIDAY**

McMillan Hospital patients Everett Humiston, Shelia Lato, Valerie Wier, Sharon Gilpatrick and Linda Gerhmann hold Christmas stockings donated by volunteer groups to make their Christmas a bit happier.

Church groups and other organizations joined forces to make Christmas a happy occasion for patients confined to McMillan over the holidays.

The groups donated time, effort and talent to bring cheer to those forced to remain in the hospital over the holiday.

Gifts, decorations and holiday treats perked up the spirits of the patients — especially the youngsters.

Contributing to the effort were the Women's Auxiliary Volunteers and Candy Strippers, the Women's Mission Union of Maplewood, the Women's Society, St. Luke's Methodist Church, St. John's Methodist Church Forum Group and the Tri-Hi-Y Group of Webster Groves.

Mrs. Ruth Barr of the Occupational Therapy Department at McMillan wishes to extend her personal thanks to those who worked so hard to brighten up the holiday for the patients.
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general for the State of Illinois. His professional activities include membership in the American Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; Missouri Bar, Integrated; Bar Association of St. Louis; Chicago Bar Association; fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Society of Trial Lawyers, Chicago and the Law Club of Chicago.
He is also a member of the National Lawyers Club, Washington, D. C.; Association of American Railroads Law Committee; American Bar Association Section of Public Utility Law and chairman of the Standing Committee Report of Regulatory Law.
Among his community activities are memberships in the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis; the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.
Davidson is also a member of the Noonday Club of St. Louis, the Harvard Club of Chicago, the Harvard Club of New York City and the Newcomen Society in North America.

Supervisors Can Evaluate Selves

The performance evaluation list for Barnes employees which appeared in the November Hospital Record brought favorable response from many employees.

This month we are providing a similar list for the other portion of the team—supervisors. As with the previous list, the following is designed only for self-appraisal:
1. Do I set a good example in appearance—neat, clean, regulation dress?
2. Is my record of attendance and punctuality good?
3. Am I effective in giving orders?
4. Do I thoroughly explain what I expect from an employee in the way of job performance?
5. Do my subordinates come to me with their problems and for information?
6. Do I argue with people?
7. Am I generally cheerful?
8. Can I reject a request or give a reprimand without being angry or grouchy?
9. Do I set an example through my courteous treatment of patients, visitors, and other employees?
10. Do I give time and thought before making judgments so as to best arrive at logical opinions and conclusions?
11. Am I fair and just in criticism of subordinates?
12. Do I commend employees for a job well done?
13. Do I have clear objectives for my area of responsibility?
14. How can I improve my supervision?

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Promotions

Only three promotions were reported by the Personnel Department in December as the holiday season brought its usual lull in activities.

Jeanette Claus was promoted from assistant head nurse to head nurse.
Nurse Aide Delores Short was named ward clerk.
Escort Messenger Margie Sharon Birch was promoted to telephone operator.

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The Barnes Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia graduated 11 anesthetists during December. The graduating class included, seated, l to r: Miss Gladys Siebert, Mrs. Patricia Ripple, Miss Doris Nikkel, Miss Joyce Cantrell and Miss Vivian Sylva. Standing: Mrs. Dean Hayden, director, School of Nurse Anesthesia; Mrs. Barry H. Heller, Miss Helen Ogle, Air Force Capt. Robert Overacre, Miss Marlene Redin and Air Force 1st Lt. Walter B. Norris.