Voice Grant For Hospital

A grant of approximately $250,000 for a three year study has been received by the Hospital of St. Louis from the United States Office of Education for research and training in voice disorders in school age children. Announcement of the grant was made by Executive Director, David A. Gee.

This marks the first time that funds have been allocated for a study of voice disorders in the United States. The purpose of the grant is to establish the effects of voice defects on education.

Voice disorders in children can result in education disruption or retardation. Very little is known about the extent to which these disorders cause educational handicaps. New research is needed in these areas.

According to Dr. Wilson, little information has been accumulated to date which contributes to the understanding of voice disorders, and their effects on the social development of the children. In the children’s minds, "Adequate understanding of the bases of voice disorders and how they can come about only through a thorough multidisciplinary research program." The first phase of the program will involve the training of speech clinicians and speech students in the St. Louis area. A series of six lectures will be held by resident and visiting lecturers to establish a research program. The purpose is to investigate and classify children with voice deviations significantly greater to be considered disorders.

The school systems in greater St. Louis including the Special School District and East St. Louis will be part of a systematic survey in which children from the ages of five to 20 will be evaluated. Approximately 275,000 school children will be screened. Dr. Wilson estimated that there are 2,500 children in the St. Louis area with voice disorders.

The children with disorders will be referred to Jewish Hospital, without charge, for further evaluation and treatment of the disorder. Where medical treatment is indicated for correction of the problem, the child will be referred to his private physician.

Mrs. Milton Creates Fund

A gift of $10,000 has been received by Jewish Hospital from Mrs. Henry E. Milton, a member of the Board of Directors. Announcement of this unrestricted endowment fund was made by board president, Joseph F. Rütwitch at a directors meeting. The grant will be known as the Harry and Minna Milton Unrestricted Fund.

Mrs. Milton said the gift was made in recognition of the Hospital's growing need for unrestricted funds to aid in the expansion of research, education, and patient care activities. "I believe that any contribution to a hospital is one of the most realistic ways in which a person can benefit the entire community," Mrs. Milton commented.

In 1952 Mrs. Milton helped organize the Jewish Hospital Auxiliary, which today has 3,000 members, the largest in the state. She served as the Auxiliary's president from 1953 to 1957. In 1958 she was appointed chairman of the Committee on Hospital Auxiliaries of the Missouri Hospital Association. From 1961-63 she was chairman of the American Hospital Association on Auxiliaries. She was a Globes-Democrat "Woman of Achievement" in 1961.

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Lecture For The Laity

The second Lecture for the Laity during the academic year 1965-66 was held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, in the School of Nursing Auditorium.

"How Medical Science Can Help Us as We Grow Older," was the subject of the panel discussion presented to an invited group. Panel members included Carl J. Heifetz, M.D., professor of the Department of Psychiatry; Edward Massie, M.D., director of the Heart Station; and Franz U. Steinberg, M.D., director of the Department of Long Term Care.

Joseph F. Rütwitch, president of the board of directors, welcomed the group and introduced the panel.

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In the first category Jewish Hospital anticipated the need for this kind of program as early as 1952," Mr. Gee said.

"In that year, a program of long term care was activated at the Hospital under the direction of Dr. David Littauer, then executive director, and Dr. Franz U. Steinberg presently the Department of Long Term Care.

These men worked closely with government agencies and helped influence the national character of patient care services for the elderly.

"In 1955, Jewish Hospital launched one of the nation's pioneering programs of Home Care. Today, this highly successful program has an average case load of 55 patients which will be expanded in the future.

There are only 70 other Home Care programs in operation in the entire country," he said.

In 1962 the Hospital established a geriatric dental service as part of a program from funds received from a Public Health Service grant. Geriatric dentistry is considered an important facet in comprehensive care of the aged.

Through the Hospital Medical Care Research Center, many studies relating to chronic medicine and home care were prepared and the criteria and guidelines for this type of care. Some of these studies have been adopted by the American Hospital Association as official standards for operation of long term care.

Affiliation with an extended care facility, the Jewish Center for the Aged, was established in 1952, thus giving valuable experience in transfer arrangements and technical aspects for out-of-hospital services.

Home Care Program

The Home Care Program is conducted by a physician-directed team of professionals who render complete services to the patient and his family at home. Jewish Hospital has one of seven regional Home Care Training Centers established by the Public Health Service to train professionals throughout the country in the techniques of long term care and community planning.

Since the Medicare law was passed in 1965, additional steps have been taken at the Hospital to insure a smooth operation as possible when the program begins.

A Medicare impact projection study was made by members of the staff during the past year. Additional beds have been added in the chronic disease division and revisions are being made in the Home Care program to allow for expansion.

The Hospital has a working relationship with Hill Haven Nursing Home, and is reviewing other homes for possible affiliation to the Home Care facility portion of the legislation does not go into effect until January 1, 1967.

The physician-directed utilization committee of the Hospital has been completely reorganized to meet the requirements of the law. This committee, chaired by Dr. Burton Shaze, is composed of staff physicians who will review Medicare admissions and determine length of stay.

The department concerning Social Security benefits was disbanded to clinic patients, and efforts are being directed toward encouraging these persons not automatically eligible to enroll for Medicare.

Formal Application

The Hospital has filed a formal application with the government for participation in Medicare. The application answers even with the degrees of preparedness achieved thus far. To date no further action has been received by the federal government; no information concerning the form for reimbursement and the method for separating specialists' fees; no final statement on the law and reporting have been received.

Without the above information, the Hospital is not able to re-program its computer, a process which takes approximately three months.

This year will be one of our major problems," Mr. Gee said, "since we won't be able to render an interim bill until July 1. Our admitting office already has reservations for Medicare patients who desire elective surgery after July 1.

"The anticipated impact of 65 and over patients should level off in a few months. Presently 20% of our patient days of care are for persons age 65 and over. We believe this will increase to 25-25%.

"Medicare will take care of those persons who are not re-eligible for any reason. It will restore dignity to many of our senior citizens, and it will have the positive benefit of encouraging more hospitals to develop programs of extended care, including Home Care."
The Hospital Conducts Three Youth Group Tours

Two Hospital tours were conducted early in April for 25 students from both O'Fallon Technical and Sumner High Schools. Called "Code 13" the tours included visits to 13 key areas of the Hospital. The purpose of the tours was to give the students a broad knowledge of Hospital operations and career opportunities. The tours were sponsored by the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Mr. John Nathan, in advice for the in-school group, and requested the tour of Hospital facilities.

Informative Talks
More than 25 students from Wayneville-Port Leonard Wood schools "Future Medical Club" were taken on a tour of Jewish Hospital. Members of the Hospital staff who participated in the tours included Miss Joyce Lamken, director of nursing service; Mrs. Florence Ayata, supervisor, Out Patient and Development; Mrs. Florence Ayata, supervisor, Out Patient and Development; and Miss June Booker, director of medical-surgical nursing.

A third group, 25 young men from the Job Corps in Breckenridge, Kentucky, also visited the di- etary facilities of the Hospital.

Field Work For Master's Course
Six registered nurses from the Wayneville-Port Leonard Wood schools have been doing field work in nursing administration at Jewish Hospital as a require- ment for obtaining a Master's De- gree in medical-surgical nursing. Miss Joyce Brueggeman, assist- ant dean of the Washington University School of Nursing, has been doing field work as an abstract artist. She has abstracted the multilith master- from the duplicating machine, then transferred the design to the final print. She has also worked on floral and geometric designs for the Hospital's nurse's residence.

Mrs. Louise L. Geiger (Cinta 1919)

In her daily work, Mrs. Geiger works in the nursery, which is her area of interest. She loves people, especially young ones, and believes in harmony with working members on the same team. Mrs. Geiger came to the Hospital in 1952 as assistant housekeeper, and after a short break in her service, she began working at the Nurses Residence in 1956. Among her varied interests are crafts and a membership in a 50-year Club.
Alumni Honor House Staff

The annual banquet in honor of the house staff at Jewish Hospital will take place on the evening of May 23 at Le Chateau, Samuel F. Schechter, M.D., president of the Jewish Hospital Medical Staff Alumni Association, announced.

Associate or attending house staff will combine efforts to present a dinner program in honor of the house staff. The “First 364 Days are the Hardest,” this year’s skit, will be performed by the intern staff and a famous quartet of thespians: Doctors Sidney Greenberg, Erwin Scholtz, Melvin M. Schwartz and Herman Shyken.

“The outstanding preparation by all participants guarantees an evening of special entertainment,” Dr. Schechter said.

Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Kaplan Heads Psychologists

Alex H. Kaplan, M.D., psychiatrist-in-chief, has been elected president of the recently founded St. Louis Psychosomatic Society which had its first formal business and scientific meeting. The society has been incorporated as a non-profit organization, and culminates the first phase of a year-long effort to encourage the growth of the number of qualified psychoanalysts in the St. Louis area.

Hospital staff who are charter members include Hyman H. Fingert, M.D., vice-president; Paul A. David, M.D., treasurer; and doctors E. J. Anthony, William E. Holt, Jule P. Miller, Jr., Conrad Sommer and Eugene E. Truennell.

Herbert B. Zimmerman, M.D., director of the cardio-pulmonary laboratory, attended the conference of the American College of Chest Physicians in Cleveland, Ohio.

Marvin Remnard, M.D., was elected to active membership in the American Heart Association.

Dr. Alex also spoke on “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Evaluation of Programs of programs dealing with stroke, cancer and heart disease in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Alex, president-elect of the St. Louis Heart Association, had an opportunity to discuss regional planning with those affiliated with the heart association from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah and Oregon.

Dr. Alex also spoke on “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Evaluation of Patient Progress and Quality Care,” at the School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Alex is director of the Department of Medical Education for National Defense.

Richard Simon, M.D., attended a “Symposium on Current Surgical Practices,” at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C.

A session on pediatrics was sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics.


Dr. Senturia is editor-librarian of the American Otological Society.

Dr. Zimmerman, M.D., has been appointed director of the in-patient service for the Department of Psychiatry. His responsibilities will include the responsibility for training of residents in psychiatry.

Stanford Wessler, M.D., physician-in-chief, Lamont Gaston, M.D., and E. Thye Yung, M.D., attended a meeting of the American Society of Medicine, and Stanley Lang, Ph.D., Department of Surgery, attended the 50th Annual Meeting of the Federation of American Society.

Dr. Wessler has been informed of the renewal of $58,642 for his grant to carry on his research on “The Role of Limbs and Statia in Venous Surgery.”

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Sol Londe, M.D., had an article published in the February issue of Clinical Pediatrics on “Blood Pressure in Children as Determined under Office Conditions.” The article will also be carried in abstract in Modern Medicine.

Melvin Muroff, Ph.D., attended a workshop on “The Neglected Child” held in Honolulu, Hawaii; and a workshop on “The Adolescent in Community and Family” held in New York City.

A session on pediatric surgery at the Children’s Memorial Hospital and observation of surgery in the operating rooms of the University of Chicago Hospitals was part of the program. Papers on new and not-yet-approved drugs were presented.


Dr. Weiss spoke to the group composed of more than 100 dentists from the state of Illinois.

J. G. Probstein, M.D., as vice-chairman for the Missouri State Medical Staff, attended the opening at the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Research Center in Columbus, Missouri, for a unit sponsored by the Missouri State Cancer Commission.

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For the past few years a member of the visiting medical staff at Jewish Hospital has been making rounds in the St. Louis area as an expert on the air pollution problem. He is a member of the Technical Division of the Committee for Nuclear Information (CNI), and chairman of the Air Pollution Subcommittee.

He recently appeared before the “dirt emergency” that exists in man’s environment.

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“The automobile is another vexing problem. Controls are to be put on cars by 1968 to reduce carbon monoxide, and no one knows what the end result will be.”

In criticizing the $750,000 Interstate Air Pollution study, the CNI subcommittee particularly cited the failure to measure cancer-producing substances in the air and to trace pockets of industrial pollution in the community.

As chairman of the CNI Air Pollution Subcommittee, Dr. Karsh lectured on air pollution before the Ethical Forum, the St. Louis chapter of the Air Pollution Control Association, the American Society for Public Administration, KMOX-TV; Eye on St. Louis, and the School of Public Health.

Dr. Karsh is available to speak on the air pollution problem before all interested civic groups, and the CNI subcommittee is part of the Committee for Nuclear Information, 5144 Delmar, at 7-0500.

Dr. Karsh says, “The political, social and economic decisions to be made in controlling our environment must be made by an electorate that understands the issues, and not by special-interest parties.”
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Service Awards Honor 100

The annual service awards tea for employees was held at the Hospital on May 11, as part of the observance of National Hospital Week. There were 100 employees who were honored for their years of service to the Hospital. The program was held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Muses Shoenberg Memorial School of Nursing Gymnasium.

During the first part of the program 35 mm slides of each of the winners "on-the-job" were projected.

Irwin Albrecht, associate director and controller, served as master-of-ceremonies for the event. Awards were presented to pins for the women who were employed 5 years; tie tacks for the men; Revere bowls for women who served 10 years, silver key chains for the men; and for 15 years of employment or more the employee was able to choose a gift from watches, radios or cameras.

Joseph P. Bawitch, president of the Board of Directors, congratulated the employees for their loyal years of service. Mr. Bawitch also presented David A. Gee, executive director, with his gift for 15 years of service to the Hospital. Mr. Gee had requested six lithographs given to the Hospital by Mrs. and Mrs. Kirby R. Westheimer be framed and hung in the employee's cafeteria. Employees who retired during the past year were among those honored, and each received a certificate of appreciation. Each woman was honored with an orchid; and the men received boutonnieres. Coffee, tea and petits fours were served in the lounge following the program by Miss Virginia Doumouss, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Mitzi McKeever, Social Work; Mrs. Ida Robinson, Housekeeping; Mrs. Ernestine Scott, Dietary; and Miss Laverne K. Ryder, R.N., director of Nursing Education.

The planning committee for the annual event included: Mrs. Barbara Janes, chairman, director of public relations; Boris Axelrod, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Florence Ayata, supervisor, Aaron Waldheim Clinic; William Chiles, director of personnel; Miss Eloise Rooke; Mrs. Bella Fendelman, supervisor, Accounts Payable; Miss Marguerite Humes, supervisor; Mrs. Raya Kovensky, Public Relations; Mrs. Virginia Reisinger, R.N., director of Nursing Service; Mrs. Thelma Triplett, Housekeeping.

Listed below are the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis 1966 Service Award Winners:

**FIVE YEARS**

- Adele Poretsky
- Audrey L. Lavinis

**MISP ORTHOPEDIC**

- Mrs. Alice Gresham

**OBSTETRICS**

- Mrs. Alice Wesley

**PEDIATRICS**

- Mrs. Rovvena Williams

**PSYCHIATRY**

- Mrs. Alice Gresham

**CHILD PSYCHIATRY**

- Mrs. Matilda Goldberg

**OUT-PATIENT CLINIC**

- Mrs. Marcy Goldstein

**PHARMACY**

- Mrs. Dorothy M. Parks

**PEDIATRIC SURGERY**

- Mrs. Freda Zuckerman

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Mothers At Jewish Hospital

The most common possession among people of the world is a mother. Mothers are loved throughout the year, but on one Sunday each May a special day has been named to honor them.

Julia Ward Howe made the first suggestion recorded in the United States for Mother's Day to be set aside on June 2, 1872, and dedicated to peace. In 1907, Miss Anna Jarvis, Grafton, West Virginia, began a campaign for nationwide observance. National recognition came on May 8, 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution recommending that Mother's Day be observed "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." President William McKinley began the custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day.

Today more than 1½ million American women work in the fields of health. Pictured here are four working mothers at Jewish Hospital, one grandmother and a mother-to-be. They are six of the many conscientious employees who were honored on Mother's Day.

As secretary to the personnel director MRS. LEROY (BETTY) JASPER has many responsibilities: she prepares house staff information for and about residents and interns, including change of status, American Medical Association reports, surveys for other institutions, and preparation of budget. Mrs. Jasper loves her job because she loves people. She says there is really no routine to her work, and there is always some new project going on in the Personnel Department. The Jaspers are the proud parents of Rendal Lee, age 7.

BLANCA M. DE PEREZ, M.D., has been associated with Jewish Hospital since coming here as a resident in pathology in 1961. As assistant pathologist, she finds her job in surgical pathology stimulating, and says that it works well with married life. Her husband, Dr. Carlos De Perez is a radiotherapist, and they have two children: Carlos Santiago, 2 years old and Bernard, 5 months. They are from Colombia, South America.

MRS. OSCAR (ERNESTINE) SCOTT has been working at Jewish Hospital for almost 17 years now, and is the mother of four children, President of the Supervisor's and Assistant Supervisors' Association of the Dietary Department. Part of her work is to insure efficient training in the Dietary Department. She assigns personnel to the daily meetings and conferences for food preparation and supervision. Mrs. Scott sees many of the patients, often noting their ideas to continue the excellent food service. Those under her direction include assistant supervisors, kitchen helpers and tray supervisors. Her four children are Deborah, 13; Gregory, 8; Kevin, 5; and Michael, 11 months.

MRS. CARL W. (MARY) BEWIG is a member of the Department of Social Work. As a case worker, Mrs. Bewig aids in determining the psycho-social aspects of the effect of an illness, and helps prepare the patient for a new way of life. Many of her patients are children from the division of audiology. She plans to retire for a short time after the baby is born. He is due early in June.

MRS. H. J. (MILDRED) LANGE, R. N. is head nurse on post partum, maternity floor, at the Hospital. Mrs. Lange has worked part time since her graduation from the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in 1947, and full time for the past 8½ years. Her three boys are William, 17; Stephan, 15; and Michael, 12. Through the assistance of a scholarship from the School of Nursing, Mrs. Lange plans to complete her evening school work at Washington University with a Bachelor of Science Degree this spring.

MRS. SOL (BELLA) FENDELMAN became a grandmother when her daughter Deborah (Mrs. Barry Greenstein) gave birth to Ronald Gregg last September 9. The Fendelmans also have a son Stephan who is presently a graduate student at Missouri University. Mrs. Fendelman is supervisor for Accounts Payable, and her position includes paying all vendor invoices, payroll transactions and general supervisory duties in general accounting.
Maternity Nursing: A Special Role

As obstetrical supervisor for Jewish Hospital, Miss Marie Kuppinger, R.N., works with three distinct areas: the labor and delivery suite, the nurseries and the post partum hall. Each area has its own staff, but the principles of family-centered maternity nursing unite the personnel in their care of the mother and baby during their stay in the Hospital.

MISS MARIE KUPPINGER, R. N.

"Nothing is as routine as it might appear to be," Miss Kuppinger said as she talked about the duties of the nurses on the maternal infant service. "Every baby born alive and healthy is a special kind of miracle."

On the first Saturday of each month, Miss Kuppinger takes expectant couples on a tour of those hospital areas of special interest to them. They have an opportunity to visit the fourth floor where they see the labor, delivery and recovery rooms not in use. They inspect the father's waiting room and view the baby nurseries. Following this tour is an opportunity to ask questions on an informal basis.

Good Communication

When the expectant mother comes in as a patient at term, she is admitted to the delivery suite, and her husband is directed to the father's waiting room nearby. The nursery and post partum staffs answer his questions, and try to make him feel at home. Here a waiting husband has the security of communication with the labor room, companionship with other expectant fathers and comfortable facilities. As soon as it is possible, he is reunited with his wife in the labor suite where he is allowed to remain before delivery as possible. Then he is ushered back to the waiting room. Telephone and television make his time spent there go by rapidly.

When the doctor arrives in the waiting room with the news concerning the child, the father is allowed to briefly visit in the recovery room. Then he waits for his wife to be brought to the post partum hall where he can stay with her for a longer time. During this time he can go to the nursery window for his first sight of the baby.

If the couple chooses to have the baby "room in," both the mother and the father are able to enjoy caring for their baby. The mother has the baby in the room with her for the entire day if she chooses. The baby is fed when hungry, and cuddled often between feedings. At visiting time, the father puts on a cap, mask and gown, and gives his baby extra attention.

Participation Encouraged

During her stay on the post partum floor, the mother is encouraged to participate in classes and conferences which are provided for her. Each week, "We take the Baby Home," a technical motion picture is shown under the supervision of the staff on the floor. Afterwards there is open discussion among the mothers concerning problems and solutions.

There are classes to demonstrate bathing, feeding and diapering techniques. Individual and small group conferences are held with the mothers of breast-fed babies to talk about the importance of an adequate diet and enough rest, and to insure a successful breast feeding experience. Particular attention and interest is given to those who are primiparas (mothers who have given birth to their first baby). For these expectant mothers, extra doses of self-confidence. Guidance by nursing personnel is given to any one who needs extra special help, and every effort is made to assure each mother of her uniquely important role with the baby.

During the day and evening, the babies are carried to their mothers every four hours for feeding. At night they are fed in the nursery, with the exception of the breast fed babies. Seeking professional advice is encouraged in addition to the mother using her own good judgment.

Nursing Differs

Nursing differs on this floor in several ways: the intense awareness of the family-centered nurs- ing care; the responsibility of all nursing personnel to be checked by a physician for conditions as simple as a slight cold or an infected hangnail; and the careful watch over the patients for any complications.

In an effort to protect the family group from the possibilities of infection, traffic on the division is limited. Just fathers and grandparents of the baby are welcome to see the mother and baby during visiting hours.

The maternity division is staffed with 19 registered nurses, 15 licensed practical nurses and 25 nursing aids. From 12 to 15 students rotate through the division every 12 weeks. All of these persons are exposed formally and informally to the concepts of family-centered maternity nursing.

200 Babies Per Month

Last year there were 2,424 babies born at Jewish Hospital, averaging 200 babies per month. (Six of them came on Mother's Day, 1965.) To the division, this means not only the care of 200 babies plus 200 mothers a month, but a welcome to 200 new family groups in their care. Their tiny home included a new confidence, security and satisfaction after their stay at the Hospital.

Hormonal Week Focus: Medicare

"You and Medicare" was the topic of a program for St. Louis area residents age 65 and over on the first of May; the program was held at the Jewish Hospital Week, the theme for National Hospital Week, this year was "Alliance for Health," focusing on Medicare.

The Medicare information program was held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Moses Shoenberg Memorial School of Nursing Auditorium.

DAVID A. GEE, executive director, and Dr. Robert M. Stanley, director of Social Work at the Hospital, following the film presentation, Dr. Aaron Birnbaum, director of nursing, moderated a question and answer session for the panel of professionals.

Members of the panel included Joseph Anderson, director of Social Security for St. Louis; Mrs. Patricia Bassett, Gerontological Society; James O. Hepper, Ph.D.; associate director of Jewish Hospital and Miss McKeever. Refreshments were served in the lounge after the program.

Stapedectomy Gives Hearing to Youth

GEORGE DANIEL SMITH, 22, receives a check up in the ear, nose and throat clinic at the Hospital just a few months after a stapedectomy was performed on his right ear. Hearing in his right ear was found to be normal.

George Daniel Smith was 22 years old when he went to Jewish Hospital and Miss McKeever. He had been born in a small town in Missouri and spent the early part of his life in school for the deaf. After trying to get along with his hearing loss in the public school near his home, "The teachers didn't have enough time for me in the public school," he said, "so then I went to the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton."

George completed the 9th grade at the Missouri School for the Deaf when he was 18-years-old, and got a job in Columbia, Mo., as a baker. "My employer had hired a friend of mine from school, and thought that deaf people were good workers, so he hired me also."

When one of George's brothers was sent to Viet Nam with the Navy, George thought so that he could join him. His application was turned down because of his hearing loss. George decided to see if something could be done so that he could enter the Navy.

George saw two doctors in Columbia. From there he was sent to the State Department of Education, section of vocational rehabilitation. It was recommended that he come to the Department of Otolaryngology at Jewish Hospital for examination and treatment of a severe hearing loss.

George was first seen in May, 1965, and was given an ear, nose, and throat examination, as well as a number of hearing tests. He was found to have a conductive hearing loss, and was told that an exploratory operation was necessary. During that operation, a congenital abnormality of the stapes bone was found. With the aid of a special coaxially illuminated binocular microscope, thechondroplasty, abnormal bone was removed and using some fat tissue from the ear that had remained, the doctors prepared an artificial stapes bone and inserted it into the defect. In this manner, a link was formed between the incus and the malleus which transmitted the sound into the inner ear.

How did George feel after his operation? "At first I thought it didn't work," he said, "because I couldn't hear through all of the cotton and bandages." But as soon as the cotton was removed the next day, George did hear the telephone ring down the hall from the nurse's station. "Then everything sounded noisy, but a welcome to 200 new family groups in their care.

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