HOSPITAL INFECTION STUDY TO BE MADE AT BARNES

A research project will be conducted at Barnes and Affiliated Hospitals during the next three years to investigate infections occurring in hospitals and in surgical wounds. The study has been made possible by a grant to Barnes of $78,250 by the John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., of New York. The research grant was given for the purpose of investigating the incidence and mechanisms of operative and post-operative infections, particularly infections caused by staphylococcal organisms.

Under the grant, the money from which is to be used exclusively at Barnes Hospital, a complete laboratory will be set up and used for studying surgical bacteriologic problems. Phage typing, the best method for careful identification of staphylococcic organisms, will be instituted.

The program will involve two major undertakings: the modernization of methods of detecting the infection, and the investigation and composition of representative operating rooms and techniques. Investi-
BLUE CROSS DUES INCREASE

Oscar W. Rexford, President of the St. Louis Blue Cross Plan, has announced a general dues increase for groups effective December 1, 1958. Mr. Rexford pointed out that this is the first increase in group dues in two years despite a steady rise in hospital costs and higher use of services by members.

"Our members have continued to use hospital services in increasing amounts," Mr. Rexford said, "and the cost of each day's service has been going up steadily. These factors make this new dues structure necessary. Blue Cross belongs to the members—over the last ten years we have used 92 cents of every dollar to pay for their hospital services with less than 8 cents devoted to the costs of servicing members and to reserves.

"The non-profit voluntary Blue Cross plans are the only programs that offer protection to all people, not just the good risks, and no member is deprived of Blue Cross because of permanent disability, retirement, lay off, change of job, or age."

For the five Blue Cross groups at Barnes Hospital, the increases will be from $3.00 to $3.30 for individuals, and from $6.00 to $6.90 for family plans.

COPHER AWARD PRESENTED IN PHILADELPHIA

The Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award, highest honor in the field of dietetics, was presented October 23 to Helen Hunscher, Ph. D., chairman of the Department of Home Economics at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. The presentation was made by Dr. F. N. Bradley, Director of Barnes and Affiliated Hospitals, at the 41st Annual Meeting of The American Dietetic Association held last week in Philadelphia.

An active member of The American Dietetic Association, Dr. Hunscher was the organization's president in 1947-48. She is currently on the Board of the Journal of The American Dietetic Association and chairman of the Committee to Study Broadening of ADA Membership. Dr. Hunscher has served as chairman of several other Association committees and was a member of the Council of the House of Delegates, 1955-57.

Dr. Hunscher holds membership in the American Institute of Nutrition, American Chemical Society, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, the Society for Research in Child Development, and the American Home Economics Association. She is a member of a special medical advisory group of the Veterans Administration and has written many articles on child nutrition and development for professional journals.

The Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award was first presented in 1945, honoring the memory of Mrs. Copher, a dietitian who was distinguished for her services during World War I. She was decorated by King George V of England and by the French government. "Mrs. Copher was one of the first to introduce the comparatively new profession of dietetics to the British Army. After her return to this country, (Continued on Page 9, Column 1)
Members of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Washington University Clinics enjoy themselves at a tea given in their honor on September 24 in the Wohl Dining Room. The volunteers in their orange pinafores and white blouses are a familiar sight as they go about the hospital performing countless tasks. The annual tea is a small token of appreciation and esteem—a way of trying to say “thank you” to these gracious ladies whom each year donate thousands of hours of volunteer service to the Medical Center.

**DR. WENDELL SCOTT NOW REAR ADMIRAL**

The Navy Department recently announced in Washington that Dr. Wendell G. Scott, Associate Radiologist, has been approved for promotion to Rear Admiral in the Naval Reserve medical department. Dr. Scott has been a reserve member since 1936, and is commander of the reserve medical company in St. Louis. In World War II he was chief of radiology at three Navy hospitals, while on active duty for four years.

Dr. Scott has been on the Barnes Hospital staff since January 1, 1933. He is president of the American Roentgen Ray Society, and a reserve consultant in radiology for the bureau of medicine and surgery of the Navy medical department. He also is chairman of the National Research Council’s committee on radiology.
BOUQUETS FROM THE MAIL BAG

The following letter, addressed to Dr. F. R. Bradley on October 6 by a recent patient, explains why the Hospital Record laurels this month go to the employees on 3100:

Dear Doctor Bradley:

Fortunately, or unfortunately, Dr. Knowlton discharged me last Monday, September 29, instead of Tuesday as planned, so that I did not have an opportunity to thank all the nurses and the other women who did so much to make my stay in the hospital just as pleasant as possible.

I would consider it a great favor, Doctor, if by some means you could convey my heartfelt thanks to all of them for all the nice little things they did for me that made my stay as nice as any stay in a hospital can be. In fact, you can tell them that from now on, I'm going to give them all my business.

My room number was 3131, Private Pavilion.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Dellert

From the mail bag also comes the following note from Art Coltrin, graduate of the Washington University Course in Hospital Administration, who is presently administrator of The Jane G. Phillips Memorial Hospital in Bartlesville, Okla.:

Gentlemen:

Periodically, after receiving an interesting edition of the Record, such as today, I am prompted to write to thank you for continuing to send it even after all these several years. I thoroughly enjoy it and then pass it on to one of our nurses who is also from Barnes, Mrs. Grace Farrell Thomas.

Cordially,

Art Coltrin

This month's column should be labelled "Wedding Bells". On September 13 LIBERTY VOLK, McMillan R. N., became Mrs. William Istwan. MARY ELLEN MOORE, R. N. in the Washington University Clinic, and Norman Dieckmann repeated their nuptial vows October 18. Anesthesia student MUBECCEL ARAL and DR. N. Y. ILGAZ, Assistant Resident in Anesthesia, were married October 1 here in St. Louis. Wedding bells pealed out September 26 in Sullivan, Missouri for ROSE DUNKEY, Barnes Credit, and BILL POOLE, Maintenance. MARTIA JUNE POWELL, Labs, and Andrew Randolph were married in June. ALLIE JONES, Nursing, is now Mrs. Donald Thomas. MARY JOSEPHINE HARDEN, McMillan Operating Room Supply, is now Mrs. Ronald Towns. WILMA STEPHENS, McMillan Admitting, is now Mrs. William L. Tyler. FREIDA TUNKINS, Dietary, is now Mrs. Charles E. Morris. REGINA DOOLEY, Nursing, has changed her name to Mrs. Jesse Lee. TERRY DAWSON, Maternity Secretary for the past five years, is the recipient of a government scholarship and is currently studying in Bethesda, Maryland to become a registered medical record librarian. Pearl of the Month: "The only way to avoid making an occasional error is simply not to do any work."
BARNES RECEIVES ANNUAL REPORT AWARD

Dr. C. O. Vermillion (right), Associate Director of Barnes Hospital, accepts from Paul E. Clissold, publisher of Hospital Management Magazine, an honorable mention plaque in the Annual Report category of the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Competition. Dr. Vermillion received the plaque at the recent annual meeting of the American Hospital Association in Chicago.

The 1957 Annual Report for the Barnes Hospital group was compiled, and the format prepared, by Mrs. Alice Marshall. Mrs. Marshall recently completed her twentieth year of employment as secretary in the director's office.

DR. J. B. BROWN ELECTED OFFICER IN ACS

Dr. James Barrett Brown was elected second vice president of the American College of Surgeons at the recent annual meeting of the ACS fellows in Chicago. With the exception of four years spent in military service during World War II, Dr. Brown has been on the staff of Barnes Hospital since his graduation from the Washington University School of Medicine in 1923.

Dr. Owen H. Wagensteen, chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Minnesota Medical School since 1930, was named president-elect at the ACS meeting. Dr. Michael L. Mason, professor of surgery at Northwestern University Medical School, was elected first vice president. Dr. Howard Bradshaw of Winston-Salem, N. C., was elected chairman of the board of governors.
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**PEOPLE.....**

**35 YEARS**

Lillie Vinton, Dietary Department, completed 35 years of continuous employment on October 2. She is presently assigned to the Salad Unit where she makes salads, fancy sandwiches, and special orders. Wooden food carts were in use when Mrs. Vinton first began her employment, and her first job was making ice cream in an old-fashioned hand freezer on Private Pavilion. She laughingly calls Barnes her second home, but actually her second home is in Columbia County, Arkansas where she and her husband have nine producing oil wells on their farm. The farm is cared for by a couple who have been tenants there over thirty years, and the Vintons try to visit the farm frequently. They have no children, and Mrs. Vinton says her greatest enjoyment is in making special dishes for patients here, and for guests in her home. Her husband has been in ill health for some time.

**30 YEARS**

Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director, completed his 30th year at Barnes on October 16. He began in 1928 as Assistant Superintendent under Dr. Durlingham, and was appointed Director in 1939 after Dr. Durlingham’s death. We only wish to note this anniversary--Dr. Bradley’s accomplishments are so well known, nationally as well as locally; that recounting them here would be superfluous.

**15 YEARS**

Margaret Flinchpaugh celebrated her 15th year as Telephone Operator on October 11. She has been a widow for 23 years, and during her employment here has maintained a home at 4966 Mardel with her sister, who is also widowed. Mrs. Flinchpaugh was the first full-time evening-shift operator at Barnes. Prior to her employment the various hospitals and the medical school had separate switchboards, and when they were tied together with a central board in 1944 Mrs. Flinchpaugh began working the first 1:30 to 9:30 shift. She has two children and five grandchildren. Her daughter lives in Affton; her son lives in Florissant and works in the Illustration Department of McDonnell Aircraft. Mrs. Flinchpaugh says her only interests are her job, which she enjoys very much, and her days off which she spends with her children and their families.

**10 YEARS**

Barbara Sweikert Warren celebrated two anniversaries this month. October 18 marked her 10th year of employment, and October 16 marked her 9th year as Assistant Chief Technician in Surgical Path. She was given a one-year leave of absence in 1951-52 after her selection by Washington University to go to Siam under the government’s ECA teaching program. Barbara likes to travel, and in addition to the year she spent in Siam she has visited Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Mexico. Last year she was married to Mr. Leonard Douglas Warren, Jr., accountant for the Metal Goods Corporation, who enjoys singing as a side-line. Mr. Warren is regular soloist for the Second Presbyterian Church on Sundays, for B’nai El Temple on Friday evenings, and has frequent other singing engagements.

Caroline B. Crooks, Assistant Manager in the Wohl Gift Shop, completed 10 years of employment on October 11. She was cashier in the Drug Store for eight and a half years before being promoted to her present position. Mrs. Crooks has lived at 6646 Odell during her entire period of employment, and has little interests at
the moment outside her work and her two grandchildren, Mark and David.

5 YEARS

Those who completed five years of continuous employment in October were: Rita Fehlig, Director’s Office (October 1); Willie Mae Crenshaw, Maternity Nurse Assistant (October 8); Dorothy Massander, McMillan Credit Office (October 20); Lena Greene, Dietary Aide (October 21); and Ora Lee Williams, Nurse Assistant (October 28).

AND THINGS:

October also marks the 15th anniversary of the opening of McMillan Hospital, and the 11th anniversary of the Hospital Record. Most important of all, October 11 marked the 46th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for Barnes Hospital.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

by

George Bowles

It is not an unhealthy attitude to expect great things out of life. Some people seem to think that it is, or they give evidence of a belief that little or nothing will happen anyhow. It is this attitude that is really unhealthy, and the sad thing is that it leads to a disease that is highly contagious. The disease might well be called an acute form of pessimism which becomes chronic.

It may not be as comfortable as we would desire it, but the fact is that we can’t expect great things of any area of life without the investment of respectable amounts of personal interest and effort.

We are the products of a long line of people who believed this to be true. Our early forefathers did not expect much to happen by accident. We live in a day of many advantages that they did not know, but this basic fact remains--great things generally come through industry and endeavor.

Many fine books have been written around the thought of making life work. It seems that most of these have been aimed at our American young people. They are of equal value to all of us, for making life work is a perennial task. Such books do not give exact prescriptions for making life work, but it is easy to recall the emphasis that is placed on the power of great expectation in the reaching of great goals. The games of the field are won in this spirit, and so are the games of life.
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under the program. Different types of flooring will be examined for its effect on bacteriologic composition. Repetitive cultures of nasopharynx of personnel in test rooms, cultures of hands before and after surgical scrub and following operation, and glove types with reference to frequency of perforation will all be included in the three-year study.

Dr. Henry Hardwicke, acting director of the State Division of Health, has announced that Missouri will undertake a state-wide program for the study and investigation of infections occurring in hospitals, with Barnes Hospital the center of the program. The state's part of the program includes the loan of Dr. Victor Monsour, microbiologist of the state health division, to Barnes, where he will be in charge of typing specimens of bacteria obtained from other hospitals in the state.

Should a Missouri hospital report a staphylococcal infection in one or more patients, Dr. E. A. Belden, also of the state health division, will survey the institution reporting the infection and try to find its cause. He will be assisted by staff members of the Federal Communicable Disease Control laboratory at Atlanta, Georgia.
The five students in the Barnes Hospital School of Medical Technology for the current year are shown above with Miss Dorothy McGregor, Associate Director of the School. Left to right are: Barbara Avery, Joan Albers, Reinhold Mueller, Miss McGregor, Nancy Kelly, and Julia Pentecost.

Administrative Resident Aids Hospital While It Teaches Him

Many of us are already acquainted with Mr. Wade Henry, Assistant Resident in Hospital Administration for the year 1958-59. Mr. Henry has been with us for more than two years as a student, intern, and now assistant resident. He is a fine example of another specialized training function carried on within the Medical Center.

Mr. Henry, 26 year old native of Oklahoma, received his B. S. degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma Baptist University. After completing his military service with the U. S. Army, Mr. Henry was accepted in the Washington University School of Medicine as a graduate student in Hospital Administration. Upon completion of one academic year, with most of his instruction given by the medical staff, administrative staff, and department heads of the Medical Center,

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he was ready to begin his internship. A twelve-month internship in an accepted hospital under a qualified preceptor is required for a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration. Mr. Henry completed his internship here at Barnes in June of this year.

During his year of assistant residency, Mr. Henry is working directly under the preceptorship of one of the hospital administrators. This preceptorship has a two-fold purpose: 1) to acquaint the potential hospital administrator with the actual operation of the hospital, and 2) to give practical experience in all phases of administration of such an institution. Included in this experience are such things as familiarization with the operation of all departments, working on selected projects for the benefit of the hospital, attending its various meetings and conferences, answering correspondence, and many other duties.

Mr. Henry feels that there is so much to learn at Barnes that he hopes to remain here as resident in hospital administration during the year 1959-60. As he explains it: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." He believes that a greater variety of incidents occur in this Center in a year than occur in many hospitals in a lifetime.

At present Mr. Henry is providing administrative coverage in the evenings and at night, serving in many respects as administrative assistant. So, if you have an administrative problem at night, just call Mr. Henry at 204!