In wishing you a Happy Holiday Season, I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty and hard work throughout the past year. The strength of the hospitals and clinics lies in its personnel. Your efforts were, and will continue to be, absolutely vital to the hospitals' success in serving the community.

During the Christmas Holidays a spirit of tolerance is a simple matter of contagious enthusiasm. But when that same spirit moves you to work together, day after day throughout the year, your efforts are not a matter of routine and compulsion--it is a uniting in a common interest and cause.

So, with all best wishes for a happier 1960, I thank you again.

F. R. Bradley, M. D.
Director.
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN THE LOBBY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 3 O’CLOCK

This has come to be a glorious traditional event in the annual schedule of Barnes Hospital Medical Center. It is planned for patients, relatives, friends, and personnel.

The chapel organ will be placed in the lobby near the Christmas tree, and at 2:45 we are to hear background music fitting to the occasion. Mrs. Helen McCoy, the regular organist of Danforth Chapel, will play at this time.

The choral music this year is to be furnished by members of our own fine choir of the Barnes School of Nursing, under the direction of Mr. Arlo Deibler. Mr. Deibler is also the director of the St. Louis area choir which is made up of students of the various participating schools of nursing. We know we are going to have a great musical treat in store for the service.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, the presiding officer of the Missouri Area of the Methodist Church, is to bring the message. Dr. Albea Godbold, superintendent of the St. Louis District of the Methodist Church, will read the story of Christmas and offer the prayer.

Gray Ladies will be on duty, along with relatives and friends, to help bring patients to the lobby. A Christmas bulletin will be prepared and distributed to patients and personnel.

Wedding bells rang for SHARON BULLOCK, Laboratory Office, and Private First Class Michael Grabel on October 29, in Clayton. The young couple were together only a few days before the groom left on active duty.....ELIZABETH WARZINIACK, Dietary, and Mr. Roy J. Guy were married November 28 at West Park Baptist Church on Hodiamont Avenue. The family of the bride, and many guests, came from Illinois to attend the formal ceremony .....PATRICIA MARTIN, Laboratory, and Mr. Robert E. Schaefer repeated their nuptial vows November 21. The formal ceremony was performed in the Blessed Sacrament Church in Belleville, Illinois. The groom is employed with the Illinois State Highway Department in French Village.....CLASSIE BRADLEY, Nursing, and Mr. James D. Brown were married October 10 in St. Louis. Mr. Brown is employed at General Motors.....ANTIONETTE MUGAVENO, Laboratory, and Mr. George Privitor were married November 21 in a formal ceremony at St. Luke’s Church.....MARY LOUISE BUCHANAN, Nursing, became Mrs. Harry L. Wilkerson on November 14 in St. Louis.....Pearl of the Month: “A saint is a sinner who keeps trying”.....What doctor’s newly-hired secretary, puzzled by the doctor’s note on an emergency case which read: “Shot in the lumbar region,” in the interest of clarity typed into the patient’s record: “Shot in the woods”.....Recent proud fathers include Dr. William Harrington, HA Intern Mr. Vincent A. Schneider, Dr. Albin Steiner, Dr. John Loeffler and Dr. Richard Weaver.....As this last 1959 issue goes to press and 1960 is almost upon us, we are reminded that the Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might

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AUXILIARY NOTE

At left, Mrs. Mamie Gruber, Director of Renard Hospital Volunteers, presents Mrs. Genevieve Winter with her first hundred-hour service stripe. Below, Mrs. Winter resumes coverage of the Renard Information Desk, displaying the stripe which indicates she has now contributed 100 hours of volunteer service. The very attractive Mrs. Winter, who lives at 15 Danfield Road, works at Renard Information on Mondays and in the Occupational Therapy Department on Wednesdays.
Anniversaries

25 YEARS

Rose Tullmann, Telephone Office Supervisor, celebrated her 25th anniversary at Barnes on December 19. A native St. Louisian, Miss Tullmann worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company before beginning her employment at Barnes as a relief operator. At that time the switchboard, with three positions, was combined with the Barnes information desk in a small enclosed area in the center of the Lobby. The switchboard facilities grew with the Medical Center; it is now a separate office with a seven-position board. Miss Tullmann is devoted to her job, and says she has really enjoyed the years spent at Barnes. She has two hobbies: sun bathing and maintaining a stylish wardrobe. Rose spends most of her off time at home, caring for her semi-invalid father. She is a member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Kirkwood. Miss Tullmann’s two brothers, one of whom is her twin, reside in Davenport, Iowa.

10 YEARS

Irene Williams has worked for the Housekeeping Department since December 29, 1949, and has been assigned to 2100 during her entire period of employment. Born in Pine City, Arkansas, Mrs. Williams moved to Memphis, Tennessee at an early age. She was reared in Memphis and married there, but decided to move to St. Louis after the death of her husband. Soon after her arrival in St. Louis, Irene applied for a job at Barnes; she was interviewed by Mrs. Rushing and began working the next day. Mrs. Williams says she enjoys her work very much. Her greatest pleasure is caring for others, and she says she would probably do volunteer work in the hospital if she were financially independent. Irene has a beautician’s license, which she once obtained as a hobby, but her pastimes now are principally sewing and church activities. She is a member of the True Spiritual Church on Cass Avenue, and belongs to the exclusive Mother’s Board of the church.

5 YEARS

Those who completed five years of continuous employment in December, and their anniversary dates, are: Lucy Roberts, Nursing Office Secretary, December 20; Nora Sunderman, Cafeteria Cashier, December 10; Lafayette Smith, Housekeeping, December 10; Elizabeth Rosenthal, McMillan Floor Secretary, December 13; and Lucille Baker, Maternity Nurse Assistant, December 30.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX TO INCREASE

Effective January 1, 1960, Social Security tax will increase from the present 2-1/2% to 3%. This additional 50¢ on each $100 earned by employees will also be matched by the hospital, so that a sum equivalent to 6% of total earnings will then be collected by the Internal Revenue Service for deposit in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

According to presently scheduled increases, the 3% rate will remain in effect for three years. In 1963 the Social Security tax will increase to 3-1/2%, in 1966 to 4%, and in 1969 to 4-1/2%. This schedule of tax rates is designed to meet future obligations of the program and keep it on a self-supporting basis.

For self-employed persons, the present rate of 3-3/4% will increase on January 1, 1960 to 4-1/2%. Scheduled increases for self-employed persons are 5-1/4% in 1963, 6% in 1966, and 6-3/4% in 1969.
Drug Store windows were decorated with Christmas scenes this year by students in the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, ably assisted by Miss Doris Elliott, Social Director. Art work on the side windows, not shown in these photographs, was done by Miss Carol Ann Clobes. Miss Clobes, who worked in McMillan Hospital during summer vacations and part time while attending Washington University, is now teaching in St. Louis County.
"We are fast approaching another Christmas." As I was doing a little morning reading I was struck by this line, found in a publication that I read every month. I felt that the third word of the brief sentence should have been underlined. It is far too true that this is the way we approach this great day of the calendar year - fast. As we see the great crowds in the stores, the shoving that goes on, the packed busses, the weaving traffic, we are likely to believe that the quoted sentence is the understatement of the year. To use the language of the present year, we might say that the American public seems to rocket to Christmas.

This is not to say that all of the things that people try to do during this season are out of place and should be eliminated. Some of the things are worthy of all the rush that we can muster, while we well know that others are not. We could easily make our lists of fine enterprises that appeal to our loyalties and support, and point out the benefits from them. We know of the hurry that sometimes takes place to get to the firesides of homes and loved ones. There is the desire to make things beautiful now, for no other season will offer the same opportunity. There is a place in the celebration of Christmas for serene calmness. Some who have been terribly rushed ahead of time will find this when the day arrives, in association with family and friends. Some will never find it, for activities of the day will not be of the nature that will give a place to calmness. We possess a great freedom of choice in this respect, as we do in so many others, and we can use the time as we please. Christmas is a personal possession. The possessions we treasure most usually receive the best planning and care we know how to give.
NEW YEAR BABE AND FATHER TIME ARE ANCIENT SYMBOLS FROM EARLY GREECE

The personifications of the New Year Babe and Father Time are as familiar as those of Santa Claus or Uncle Sam. Yet these fitting symbols for the end of one cycle of living and the birth of another have their roots in Greek mythology.

Father Time comes down to us as a descendant of the Greek god Cronus, lord of the universe. Cronus bore the lines of inestimable years on his face and he carried a scythe, but like many of mythology's earthy gods, he was not altogether admirable. Having been warned that one of his children would dispose of him, Cronus decided to give none a chance and got into the habit of swallowing them at birth. His wife Rhea, in an attempt to discourage the practice, hid their son Zeus after his birth and presented Cronus with a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The ruse worked. Cronus disgorged not only the stone, but the previous children he had swallowed. Zeus later dethroned his father, settled on Mount Olympus, and ruled as chief god of the Greek pantheon.

Later Cronus' name was confused with the word "cronos," meaning "time." But the hour-glass has found a permanent place in the hand of the white-haired gentleman with the scythe.

The New Year Babe may be as old as Father Time. During ancient Greece's festival of Dionysus, a baby was paraded as a symbol of rebirth. A chief ceremonial in the Eleusinian Mysteries featured the image of a child.

In more recent times, farmers of western Prussia staged the symbolic birth of a child on harvest fields. A German folk song of the 14th century depicts the New Year Babe in its present form.

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happen when the New Year burst in, climbed upon their roof-tops on New Year's Eve to have a good view should any special event come to pass. While we modernites don't climb on the roof, we still make plenty of noise when the New Year comes in - a habit acquired back in the days of our primitive ancestors who believed that noise would keep away the evil spirits. With this thought, may all of us who write, print, assemble and distribute the Hospital Record close this December issue with our best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a wonderful, exciting 1960. See you next year!
CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR EYE AND ENT PATIENTS IN THE CHILDRENS' SECTION OF McMILLAN HOSPITAL

During the past year, elderly patients in Barnard Hospital have engaged in a project. Being parents, and grandparents, they often thought of children - particularly children who were hospitalized. With assistance from the Women's Auxiliary, Barnard patients handcrafted articles and toys for the children in McMillan Hospital. On December 10 the gifts were presented to Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of Barnes and Affiliated Hospitals, by Mrs. T. M. Sayman (right) and Mrs. Robert Burns of the Women's Auxiliary, with the Barnard patients' request that they be given to the children in McMillan.

Mr. Joseph Potts, a Barnard patient who made many of the toys, distributed them among the small patients.
Mrs. Sayman and Mrs. Burns talk with little Miss JoDee Iverson, an eye patient who holds the toy she has just received.

We hope the faces of these children - the mischievous gleam from one unbandaged eye, the unabashed pride in learning the secret of a mechanical mystery, and the first apprehensive stare of the very young - will bring memories to those gracious persons who were kind enough to provide the toys. The thoughtfulness of Mr. Potts and other Barnard patients, Mrs. Sayman and Mr. Sanders will speed the hours for these youngsters. Perhaps these children will not learn how long and lonely each hour can be at Christmas time, when one is far away from home and ill in a house of strangers.
LAB EMPLOYEES SACRIFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Employees in the Central Diagnostic Laboratories decided to forego their usual Christmas activities this year in favor of helping a needy family. They purchased a small tree which has been set up in the laboratory corridor. Instead of the usual name-drawing, exchange of gifts, and buying refreshments for a Christmas party, laboratory employees are placing gifts of money, toys, canned goods and clothing under their tree.

The needy family to whom these gifts will be delivered on Christmas Eve was recommended by social service workers of the Salvation Army. The family consists of a mother, two boys ages 8 and 6, and a girl two years old. They are in desperate circumstances due to desertion by the father. They are unaware that Santa Claus, in the true Christmas spirit, will come to them on Christmas Eve through the generosity of laboratory personnel.

While this is entirely a laboratory project, they will appreciate participation by any hospital employee who might wish to make this Christmas a little brighter for a mother and three small children.