The fourth annual Christmas pageant featuring the 150-voice Nurses Choir was held in Barnes Lobby on December 19 for hospital patients and personnel.

A narration of the nativity story, written by associate director Joseph Greco, was presented by Carolyn Jean Clark and Anne Pfeffer. Carols by the Nurses Choir marked the dramatic events leading up to the birth of Christ. Joyce Suddarth opened the program by reading the familiar poem, “The Night Before Christmas,” to several young patients.

The 45-minute program was aired on the public address system for patients and personnel who were unable to attend the service in the lobby. A taped recording of the carol singing was also presented on radio station KFUO on December 21, and on station KSTL-FM on December 23.

The pageant narration was completed by Mr. Greco four years ago. He became interested in writing the script after a visit to Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1955, when he saw the famous Christ statue (representing the healing physician) and was told that a choir of nurses present a caroling program beside the statue each Christmas.

Mr. Greco said “I thought such a program at Barnes might make Christmas more meaningful to the student nurses, many of whom are spending their first Christmas away from home. And these young women taking part in the pageant do much to bring the spirit of the season to patients confined in Barnes Hospital.”
“Inside Barnes” Radio Program

A radio program about Barnes Hospital is aired each Friday at 2:45 p.m. on Station KFUO, according to Mrs. Dorothy Kellett, director of volunteers and originator of the program.

Entitled “Inside Barnes,” the show has been heard weekly since last July, with hospital personnel and doctors being interviewed on their spheres of work at Barnes.

Programs scheduled for December and January include Christmas carols by the Nurses Choir on December 21, and the following interviews: Dr. Willard Allen, obstetrics, December 28; Miss Mary Lewis, social service, January 1; Ray Grossman, special unit, January 11; Dillon Truelove, hospital housekeeping, January 18; and Dr. Henry Schwartz, neuro-surgery, January 25.

Interviewers for the program are Mrs. Julie Hershey, wife of Dr. Falls Hershey, and Mrs. Anne Shields, wife of Dr. John Shields. Mrs. Spencer Allen is the show’s producer.

ESCORT SERVICE

An armed guard to escort female employees to their cars in the parking lots, or any other reasonable nearby area, is on duty in the lobby of the clinic building from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. The guard is armed and in uniform. This new service was recently announced by H. E. Panhorst, director.

Volunteers Bring Holiday Cheer To McMillan

Volunteers at McMillan Hospital decked the halls for the holiday season and provided gifts and favors for patients, according to Mrs. Ruth Barr, assistant director of the occupational therapy department.

The Forum Evening Group from St. John’s Methodist Church, headed by Mrs. Anne Roberts, donated $5.00 for Christmas decorations, and spent one Sunday afternoon decorating McMillan’s windows with yuletide designs. This is the second year the group has participated in the window decorating project.

Candy Stripers Charmaine Adams, Helen Hellberg, Barbara Parker, Susan Archer, and Donna Gilmore also painted some bright angels, red candles, and holly wreaths on McMillan’s windows, spending an entire Saturday at their work.

Little girls confined to McMillan on Christmas day were delighted by the surprise gifts of hand-dressed dolls. The figures were dressed and donated by Miss Ilda Westerbeck of Clayton.

Christmas stockings were filled for other patients by women from St. Luke’s Methodist Church, Lemay. This group also made dolls and puppets for the youngsters, and pretty aprons and gray pajama bags for older patients.

Trays were given a festive air with decorative mats and favors made by the Children’s Division of Maplewood Methodist Church, headed by director Mrs. Grace Fesler.

Members of The Ruth’s Circle, North Hills Methodist Church in Ferguson, meet once a month all year long to make aprons, flowers, clown dolls, and favors for McMillan patients. These are distributed on special days all around the calendar.

Dr. David N. Kerr, assistant physician, has been named president-elect of the St. Louis Medical Society. Dr. Kerr, instructor in clinical medicine at the Medical School, will take office in 1964.

Dr. Wendell G. Scott, associate radiologist, was recently named vice president and president-elect of the American Cancer Society. He is clinical professor of radiology at the School of Medicine faculty.

Nine Employees Mark December Anniversaries

December marks the twentieth anniversary of employment at Barnes Hospital for Mrs. Virginia Leutzinger, second cook in the dietary department.

Mrs. Leutzinger still finds her work exciting. “Like everything else, food service has changed over the years,” she said. Twenty years ago we had fewer people to cook for, and had time to prepare fancier salads and desserts than we do now. But the addition of new kitchen equipment and time-saving processed foods enables us to cook in bigger volumes and still make the dishes tasty. There are always recipes to adapt for use at Barnes,” she added.

Congratulations on their fifteenth anniversaries with Barnes Hospital are Helen Cohen, dietary; Myrtle Mae Hunt, school of nursing; Sally Hunter, nursing; Clint Murphy, dietary; and Josephine Prince, laboratory.

DRUG STORE SERVICES DISCONTINUED AS OF JAN. 6th... PHARMACY STAYS OPEN

The drug store in Barnes Lobby will discontinue services, with the exception of the pharmacy, starting January 6. In the meantime, sundries and gifts may be purchased at the Wohl Gift Shop. The store is closing for remodeling and will reopen about the middle of March.
**Chaplain’s Corner**

By George A. Bowles

About this time of the year, many people give a great deal of expression to the fact that there is a new year ahead of us. They speak of the expectations that they feel should be a part of it. Some of these are very personal, others include those who are near and dear to them. There are some who are willing to extend their thinking to include expectations for the nation in which we live, and even the world which now involves the interests of every person who lives.

In this process of thinking about the days that are afforded by a new year, we are faced with the great challenges of deciding how inclusive we can actually be. There was a time, in the childhood of many of us, when this challenge was not very great. It took a long time to hear much about what the rest of the world was doing or planning to do, and it did not matter much. The air waves carried nothing that we could hear or see. There was a cable under the Atlantic, but it was not used for much that the average citizen heard about. We live in a new day. As the head of our government speaks in regard to a world issue, people beyond the sea can send the news as well as hear him, through the help of a mechanism that floats above us.

Peace is not a new word of the modern world, but more needed now than ever before. We are passing through a season of special emphasis upon the meaning of it. This makes a good foundation for the building of a world in which it can abound for all mankind.

**Two Noted Physicians Die**

Dr. William B. Kountz, assistant physician at Barnes Hospital and assistant professor of clinical medicine at the School of Medicine, died December 13 at Barnes Hospital. He was appointed to the staff in 1926 after graduation from the School of Medicine. Widely known for his research on aging, Dr. Kountz has been scientific director of the Gerontological Research Foundation since 1954.

Dr. Richard Paddock, assistant professor in clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the School of Medicine, died December 4 in St. Louis. In addition to his lengthy tenure on the staff of Barnes Hospital, he also was a member of St. Luke’s Hospital staff and had recently served as president of their medical staff.

**Know Your Hospital**

The Interesting Route Of The Pay Check For The 2,675 People Paid By Barnes Hospital

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are paid from the payroll department at Barnes Hospital twice a month. Yet, in all the transactions, the four employees working in the department never touch a dollar bill.

“Our average payroll amounts to $280,000 every two weeks,” said chief payroll clerk Brooks Gattermeir. “But all the money is paid to the employees by check. Currency, other than our own, is never handled in this office.”

The process of paying Barnes employees begins when the payroll department gets the time sheets from the supervisors. Payroll makes extensions on the sheets and forwards them to IBM. The IBM department prints the employees’ checks on big sheets, several checks to a sheet, and returns them to the payroll department. Payroll employees “burst” the checks (separate them from the large sheets) and sign them on a check signing machine. The checks are then divided by departments and are sent to the supervisors or associate directors, who pass the check on to the man or woman who has earned it.

One of the principal jobs of the payroll office is record keeping. Hours worked, deductions, and increases for all of the 2,675 people paid by Barnes are registered in the payroll department.

“When someone is absent due to sickness; a man's wife has a baby, giving him another tax exemption; or an employee gets a pay raise, we receive notice from the personnel office,” Mr. Gattermeir said. “The payroll department then records these changes and forwards them to the IBM department so that the employee will get the correct check in his envelope on pay day.”

Keeping records up to date on payroll deductions is no small matter, according to Mr. Gattermeir. “All of us who receive checks know that deductions seem to always be increasing, instead of decreasing,” he declared.

Most checks reach the employee through his supervisor, but some are given out at the payroll office in the basement of Barnes Hospital. Supervisors are able to hold the checks of employees for only a limited number of hours. If the employee has not received his check from his supervisor in that period, the check is returned to the payroll department and the employee may stop at the office to get it.

“It is important for employees planning to get their checks at the office to bring their identification cards with them,” Mr. Gattermeir said. “Occasionally a person comes by to pick up his pay and does not have an I.D. card with him. We cannot give him his check without seeing his card, and at the time, it may seem a nuisance to have to make another trip to the office just to bring that card along. However, the identification card set up is for the employee’s own protection. We don’t want to take any chances on someone’s securing a pay check that somebody else has earned.”

The present payroll at Barnes Hospital amounts to some seven and-a-half million dollars annually.

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Barnes payroll checks are written on automated equipment in the IBM department. Mrs. Helen Ruesing, payroll clerk, prepares to put the huge stack of checks, several to a sheet, into the IBM machine. In photo at lower left, chief payroll clerk Brooks Gattermeir checks an entry in the payroll register.
Assistant Nursing Director Retires

Mrs. Helen Petty, assistant director of nursing service, will retire on January 1 after thirty years service at Barnes Hospital. She began work at Barnes in April 1932 as night nurse in 1418, the first floor male medical ward, where she remained until 1951 when she was promoted to assistant director. Mrs. Petty has spent all her years at Barnes on night duty.

She is a 1927 graduate of the Washington University School of Nursing. Prior to beginning work at Barnes, she was affiliated with St. Louis Children’s Hospital, St. Luke’s Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee. A Christmas breakfast was held in her honor December 18 with 36 people attending, including Mr. Panhorst, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Boulenger, Mrs. Knowles, and nursing department administrative members.

Lecture at W.U. School of Medicine

The School of Medicine will present a lecture by Dr. Hans J. Müller-Eberhard, associate professor at the Rockefeller Institute, at 3 p.m., Friday, January 11, in Clifton Amphitheatre. He will speak on “Studies on the Chemistry and Immunopathology of Human Complement.” The lecture is open to the public.

Dr. Edmund Cowdry Jr., assistant psychiatrist on the staff of Barnes Hospital, will be installed as secretary of the St. Louis County Medical Society on January 9. Dr. Cowdry is instructor in clinical psychiatry at the School of Medicine.

Promotions For 65 Hospital Employees During Past Month

The personnel office has announced the promotion of 65 Barnes Hospital employees for the period from November 15 through December 13.

The largest group of advancements, numbering 31, were from junior nurse assistant to nurse assistant. The group included Emma Allen, Hattie Allen, Mary B. Buchanan, Louise Y. Case, Shirley A. Crawford, Gloria Jean Crossley, Verna M. Dawson, Veria Mae Evans, and Pearlie Greene.

Barbara Francisco, Nellie Hawthorn, Elizabeth M. Jackson, Yvonne Jennings, Myra Nell Johnson, Edna A. Jones, Frederick W. Keim, Lucy Jane Killings, Henry Odom, Laverne Parker, Doris Jean Polk, and Ada Robinson were also in the group.

Others newly promoted to nurse assistant are: Cleoratel Robinson, Lorrene Tucker, Margaret P. Sims, Elizabeth Smith, Mildred Smith, Lovetta Morris, Edith Perry, Claudine Williams, Jacqueline Williams, and Marva Woodson.


Advanced from nurse assistant to senior nurse assistant are: Maryetta Furlow, Curtis H. Korbinger, Margalyne Payne, and Nell Rose Williams.

Willie Mae Davis and Anna Hooker have both been promoted to floor technician and Shirley Carter, Leora Lawrence, and Ruby Woodson to O. R. technician.

Other promotions include Mildred Huber to supervisor, Maude Williams to assistant head nurse, Carole Randall to senior nurse assistant and Vivian Parrott to nurse assistant.

Barry Lee Seward has been advanced to recreation leader, Doris Hackel to executive assistant, Philomena Kretz to dietitian’s assistant, Sandra Welsh to secretary, and Dale R. Gushleff to technician, exfoliative cytology.

Dr. S. Rosenweig To Talk

Classification in psychiatry will be discussed by Dr. Saul Rosenweig, professor of medical psychology at Washington University, at the next meeting of the History of Science and Medicine Society at 8 p.m., Thursday, January 10, in the Schwarz Auditorium, Maternity Hospital.

Dr. Max Fink, Director of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry and Research Professor of Psychiatry at the State Hospital at the Medical School, will serve as discussant for the program.