Hartford Grant For Study Of Burn Treatment

A John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., N.Y.C. grant of $357,934 to Barnes Hospital for a study of controlled fluid environment and other potential therapy in the treatment of severe burns, was announced last month by Mr. Ralph W. Burger, President of the Foundation and Mr. Edgar M. Queeny, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital.

The study will be conducted by the Washington University Department of Surgery under the direction of Dr. Carl A. Moyer, M.D., surgeon-in-chief; Dr. J. Barrett Brown, M.D., associate surgeon; Dr. Louis T. Byars, M.D., assistant surgeon, and Dr. Walter B. Goldfarb, M.D., instructor in surgery at Washington University.

The method to be studied uses a bath of special salt solution that substitutes for an important function of the skin which has been destroyed by the burn. It has been determined that this new method of treatment minimizes the pain associated with burns. While the person is in the bath, the dead skin comes off painlessly without bleeding. The major problems to be studied are:

1. The effect of the bath upon infections associated with burns.
2. The effect of the bath on burn starvation. It is known that the bath reduces the metabolic rate of people who are burned and that the rate of starvation is reduced by the bath. The cause for this is still unknown.
3. The effect of the bath on the rate of loss of body salts through the burned tissues. It is known that this loss is one of the most important causes of illness following burns.
4. Development of the method and equipment so that they can be used safely anywhere.

The study is vitally important because more than 7,000 persons die of burns in the United States each year. At least 100,000 persons suffer burns which require hospitalization from two to six months each year, a hospital spokesman said.

It is hoped, that with the development of this method the lives of many more burn victims can be saved.

Annual Danforth Award Tours Bring Outstanding Youth Here

A group of 53 outstanding young women, (home economics seniors) representing a state university or land-grant college in each of the 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, visited the Medical Center July 23 in the first half of the annual Danforth Award tours.

On August 6, a group of 53 top senior agriculture students made a similar tour.

The award was instituted in 1936 by Mr. William H. Danforth, former chairman of the board and founder of theRalston Purina Company. He was also former president and founder of the Danforth Foundation. He had a great interest in young people and devoted much of his life to encouraging youth to aim high in life.

The awards are made each year to the top students in home economics and agriculture. They are given a four-week program aimed at giving them an insight into the business world and the problems and conditions they will encounter.

The young women are shown the role of home economics in business and industry and the young men get a similar introduction to the role of agriculture in business and industry.

Director Harry E. Panhorst welcomed the award groups and Chaplain George A. Bowles conducted the morning meditation.

The young ladies saw a heart-lung operation performed and then witnessed a three-year-old boy being prepared for a similar operation. The boy acquired 53 additional "mother" in a twinkling. Throughout the day the girls repeatedly asked the tour guides how the boy was doing.

By the time the tour ended, Mr. Joseph Greco and Mr. William Fogarty were able to report to the relieved young ladies that surgery had been successful and the young patient stood an excellent chance to live a long, happy and normal life.

The groups visited Dietary where Mrs. Doris Cook, director of dietetics, explained the functions of the department.

Following luncheon in the Arabian Room, the groups broke up into smaller sections for a number of tours.

The "Nearly New Shop," which will sell used clothing and other serviceable items to raise funds to aid the hospital, will be opened August 21 by the Women's Auxiliary of Barnes Hospital in Room 0415 in the basement of Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. William H. Neukomm is chairman of the project, and will be aided by Vice Chairman Mrs. John B. Hill.

The shop will offer to visitors and hospital personnel a wide variety of items, such as clothing, jewelry, blankets, shoes, hats, etc. two days a week, Monday and Friday. The shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first week it will be open Wednesday and Friday.

The Auxiliary is soliciting used items from any available source. Any staff member who has clean, serviceable items to donate to the shop is asked to contact the Auxiliary office.

The shop will be open for a "preview" August 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for anyone interested in visiting the shop to learn what items will be offered for sale when the shop opens the following day.
Observer Liked
What She Saw

Director, Barnes Hospital

Dear Sir:

I was a patient in 5200 General from May 21st to 29th. I had asked for a semi-private room but rather than wait for a vacancy I went to the “Big Ward,” expecting to be moved in a few days. When the vacancy came through I did not want to move and I would like to tell you why.

I don’t know what I had expected in a ward bed but certainly not the individual care and attention which I received as did all the other patients. For instance, on my second day the head nurse asked if I wouldn’t like to be moved to a bed near a window where the light was better since I spent so much time reading. I agreed that it would be nicer and I was moved immediately.

I was immobile only one day, after a myelogram, but that day a student nurse came to my bed over and over to help me eat, to make me more comfortable or to check my condition. Not once did I need to call her, she was there voluntarily; kindly and concerned.

An interesting thing happened the next day which could have been a coincidence, but I think not. A woman in a bed near me was recovering from a disk operation and was making quite a to-do about it. She had told me many dire things to expect from the myelogram, none of which I experienced. That morning when I awoke, she had been moved out of the room, down the hall and far away, I confided. I was relieved. At that time I was expecting to have surgery.

But my big bouquets must go to the nurse assistants, the women in the yellow jumpers and white blouses. To me, they seemed to be the wheels that made an obviously fine organization run so smoothly. I think they must have been rather carefully screened upon admittance because they were above average in intelligence and certainly they had been carefully trained.

They performed the difficult, menial tasks which mean so much to the comfort of the patient—beds, bedpans, baths, answering calls, many of them needless as far as the physical welfare was concerned but necessary for reassurance; consoling this one, being firm with another, I admired their discriminating judgment in making the right choice as well as their unfailing good nature. Fast, yet efficient, I never saw even one of them wasting time or dawning their duties. Screamed at and threatened at times by some patients, rarely thanked, they seemed to me wonderful examples of forbearance.

To have an entire group like this doesn’t just happen!

I was happy to see that the rules for visitors were really enforced.

So far as I could see, and I was observing for all I was worth, there was harmony and good working conditions between the nurses, student nurses, assistant nurses, right on through to the cleaning women and girls who brought the meal trays.

All my life I have known of the excellence of Barnes Hospital by reputation. But I am glad that some one (and it must be you) understands that it takes more than fine doctors, forward looking research and superior physical equipment, to make a hospital a good place to be to get well.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. J. W. Beltrand
Clayton, Missouri
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Renard Subject
Of KTVI Show

Dr. George E. Murphy of Renard Hospital will be featured August 7 on KTVI-TV in an interview on “Camera II.”

Dr. Murphy will answer questions on modern psychiatric methods and advances now used at Renard Hospital.

The program is one of a series produced by KTVI-TV for the United Fund of Greater St. Louis.

The program will be aired at 8:15 a.m.
Chaplain’s Corner
By George A. Bowles

The courageous person just about always attracts the attention of his associates. Not only that, but the person who is courageous about the right things generally wins the admiration of all who know him. We know, of course, that courage is a quality of life that is often misdirected. The one who breaks the law goes his way into crime because he has an overdose of courage of the wrong sort, and as a result he suffers along with a host of other people who are involved because of the criminal act. We can’t quite say that we are not interested in this misdirected type, for even the innocent have to pay the unfair price that it can place upon all of us. We are all interested in good courage. It can help to develop many fine talents that might otherwise be lost to self and society. Our success in dealing with daily problems depends upon it, and this reference has to do with basic character as it does to honor or material gain.

Courage is not a reserved possession for any favored class, but it is available to the most humble sort. We should want it, for it can help.

NURSE CHORUS GETS TRIBUTE

A three-part treble chorus entitled “Winter,” and dedicated to the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing Chorus was published recently by Harold Flammer, Inc.

The piece was written and composed by Jeanne Boyd and is dedicated to the Student Nurses’ Chorus and their former conductor Mr. Arlo Deibler. The Barnes Chorus gave the first performance of the piece at a Graham Chapel concert in the winter of 1960. It was in manuscript form and was performed as part of a tribute to the composer’s 70th birthday. Two other of her published works were sung on that occasion. The occasion was a portion of a nation-wide tribute to the composer by her music students.

It’s called the miniature cocktail, drink one and in a miniature out.

Crest Room Trade Booming; Crown Room Proving Popular

WHO OWNS ZEBRA?

WHO DRINKS WATER?

The following brain teaser has been making the rounds of Madison Avenue and has appeared in a few national magazines. It can be worked out but only after some perplexing and exasperating mental gymnastics. So get a pencil and paper and try your luck. The answers will appear next month in the Hospital Record.

1. There are FIVE houses, each of a different color, inhabited by men of different nationalities with different pets, drinks, dress colors, and cigarettes.
2. The Englishman lives in the Red house.
3. The Spaniard owns a dog.
4. Chinese is drunk in the Green house.
5. The Ukrainian drinks tea.
6. The Green house is immediately to the right (your right) of the Ivory house.
7. The Old Gold smoker owns snails.
8. Kools are smoked in the Yellow house.
9. The Lucky Strike smoker drinks orange juice.
10. The Norwegian lives in the First house on the left.
11. The man who smokes Chesterfields lives in the house next to the man with the fox.
12. Kools are smoked in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.
13. The Lucky Strike smoker drinks orange juice.
15. The Norwegian lives next to the Blue house.

WHO OWNS THE ZEBRA?

Safety Tip

Make sure your vacation is a safe and happy one by observing a few simple rules of good sense and safety. Obey traffic signs and speed limits. Safety check your car before the trip. Use a life preserver. Limit your exposure to the sun. Swim under the protection of life guards. The impressive rise in patronage indicates the lady is exactly right.
Promote 32 During July

Job promotions were announced for 32 Barnes Hospital employees during July.

Personnel Director John Boyer said the greatest number of promotions were again in the Nursing Department.

Progressing from student nurse assistant to junior nurse assistant were: Annie Martin, Constance Riggs, Bettye Jean McCaskill, Henrietta Henderson, Sandra Hudson, Catherine Ingram, Doris Moorehead, Lola Butler, Mable Lee Harris and Veronica Fielding.

Promoted from nurse assistant to Senior Nurse Assistant were: Anna K. Davis, Luella Swain, Ernestine Patton, Mary Alice Walker, Laura Greene, Elizabeth Jackson, Francis Berry, Margaret Sima, Myra Neil Johnson, Mildred Smith and Maggie Garrett.

Elizabeth Day and Joanna Wayne were advanced from senior nurse assistants to the rank of floor technicians. Janie Marie Strasman, a staff nurse, was promoted to head nurse. Assistant Head Nurse Celia Lienberger was named head nurse, Senior Student Anesthetist Nancy Madiera moved up to staff anesthetist.

Registration Interviewer Natalie Shields was promoted to assistant to the supervisor. Assistant Head Cook Joel Ford was named head cook. Dictaphone Operator Trainee Felicia Gilliam was promoted to dictaphone operator.

MRS. SOULE IS HERE 20 YEARS

Mrs. Audrey Soule of the Barnes Admitting Office leads the list this month of Barnes employees observing the anniversaries of their employment.

Mrs. Soule has been with the hospital for 20 years.

Marking 15 years of employment were Miss Shon Lockhart of Laboratories and Mrs. Josie M. Jones of Housekeeping. They started work at Barnes in 1948.

Ten-year job anniversaries were observed this month by Mrs. Francis L. Annel of the Telephone Office, Mrs. Jane D. Donaghue of Social Service, Mrs. Lorraine M. Alexander of Admitting, Miss Earline Gordon of Nursing and Mr. Wilbert W. Abel of Cashiers.

Zip 'Em Up

The Post Office Department has requested all that Barnes Hospital personnel use the new Zip Code number for the hospital — 63110 — on all outgoing mail which bears our return address.

A manufacturer recently experimented with bourbon-flavored toothpaste. They found the test group had 40 per cent more cavities and couldn't care less.

Laboratory Aide Roosevelt Clemons was moved up to laboratory assistant. Microbiology Technician Patricia Fulton is now an assistant chief microbiology technician. Escort Messenger Miriam Mehler has been named a cashier.

Candy Stripers Get Caps Aug. 15

Capping ceremonies for 200 to 250 Candy Stripers will be held August 15 at 3 p.m. at the Municipal Opera.

The Candy Stripers will be capped by Mrs. Robert L. Bence, president of the Barnes Women's Auxiliary.

The teenagers will be treated to a tour of the Muny Opera and will see the dancers rehearsing.

Following the tour, the capping ceremonies will be held on the Muny Opera stage with Mr. Edwin R. Culver III present for the ceremony. Mr. Culver is a member of the Barnes Board of Trustees.

Director Harry E. Panhorst will address the group.

Menu in a small-town cafeteria: "Dreaded Veal Cutlet."

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Medical Terms Not Difficult

Jane Greenwell KMOX "Expert"

Miss Jane Greenwell of Dietary was the guest expert July 8th on the "What's Your Opinion" radio show on KMOX-CBS radio.

Bob Hardy, who moderates the show, came to Barnes and taped the interview.

Hardy was seeking an expert's opinion on modern food and crash diets and the need for food supplements.

Miss Greenwell said no diet should be undertaken without a doctor's supervision. She said she believed food supplements were a poor substitute for a balanced diet.

Safety Program Is Organized

A new safety program has been instituted in the Barnes Hospital Maintenance Department.

The Maintenance Department supervisors attended a safety meeting July 17 at which the National Safety Council film, "You're The Key Man," was shown.

The film stressed the importance of safety leadership by supervisors.