Dr. Spink Visits Medical Center

The first Samuel Grant Visiting Professor of Medicine was in residence at Washington University School of Medicine last month.

Dr. Wesley Spink, professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota, completed a week's participation in the teaching program of the Department of Internal Medicine. He later presented a lecture for medical students and faculty members.

Dr. Wesley Spink

Dr. Spink is an authority on infectious diseases, especially brucellosis and shock reactions produced by bacterial infection. He is president of the American College of Physicians and presented the Lister Lecture in London later in January.

The professorship honors the well-known St. Louis physician and alumnus of the Medical School. Dr. Grant has been a member of the School of Medicine faculty for many years and has served as president of the Medical Alumni Association. He also served as chairman of the campaign which raised funds for the Spencer T. Olin residence hall for medical students and has been a member of the University's board of directors as an alumni representative for the Medical School.

Last year the student health service on the main campus of Washington University was named for him.

The fund for the visiting professorship was initiated by a gift of the late Jack Pollak of St. Louis and contributed to by other former patients.

If you change your address, telephone number or marital status be sure to notify the Employment Office of the change so that your employee information file may be kept up to date.

NEARLY NEW SHOP MOVES WESTWARD; PLANS FURTHER MOVE

On February 11, the Nearly New Shop will undertake an intermediate move to a new location on the ground floor of Barnes Hospital.

The shop, a successful project operated by the Barnes Women's Auxiliary, will move to a room opposite the Carpenter Shop. The room will be more spacious and more centrally located, Mrs. Dorothy Neukomm, chairman of the Nearly New Shop committee said.

Later, the shop will make its final move into the quarters now occupied by the Glove Powdering Room of Central Supply, also on the ground floor of Barnes Hospital.

Practical Nurse School Observes 15th Anniversary

The Practical Nurse Education Council held a buffet supper at Olin Residence at the Washington University School of Medicine last month, marking the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the School of Practical Nursing.

The school located at O'Fallon Technical High School, provides training by registered nurses and dietitians and has supplied St. Louis area hospitals, nursing homes, doctor's offices and industry with more than 1,200 graduates since its founding, in 1948.

Later, the shop will make its move to a new location on the ground floor of Barnes Hospital.

Mrs. Robert H. Mayer and Mrs. Howard F. Baer were co-chairmen of the buffet supper. When the training was initiated, students received their experience at City and Homer G. Phillips hospitals. Today, the Barnes Hospital-Washington University School of Medicine Medical Center serves as the largest training center for practical nurse students.

Teachers accompany the students to the affiliated hospitals where they receive 32 weeks of experience in the actual care of patients, under constant supervision.

Hardy Employes Brave Storm, Win Praise

Barnes employes who braved the season's first heavy snow storm early this month won the praise of the Administrative Board of the Medical Center for showing up at their jobs despite the very difficult weather conditions.

"While we understand that for many it was physically impossible to travel to work through the heavy snow, we do wish to commend those hardy individuals who did manage to report for work despite the adverse conditions," Director Harry E. Panhorst said.

"It was a satisfying example of the spirit, willingness and determination which have always characterized Barnes employes," he said.

Meet The Trustees

Law, Education Interest Coburn

Richmond C. Coburn, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital, is a partner in the St. Louis law firm of Coburn, Croft & Cook and was appointed to the board in 1956.

Coburn was chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis from 1955 to 1957. He is past president of the General Alumni Association of the University of Missouri, past president of the Bar Association of St. Louis and past president of the Missouri Bar Association.

Born in Oregon, Missouri, he attended the University of Missouri and obtained his B.A. degree and his law degree from that University. He entered the practice of law in St. Louis in 1925 and has been a member of the law firm which bears his name since 1949.

Coburn served a three-year period on active duty with the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945.

Among the clubs to which he belongs and has belonged are the Noonday Club, Racquet Club and the Old Warson Country Club.

He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, and the scholastic fraternities, the Order of the Cof and Phi Beta Kappa.

Coburn enjoys travelling and also works diligently to improve his golf game. His hobby is reading history.

Meet The Trustees
Airmen, Nurses Train At Barnes; Contribute 4,800 Hours Care

On the second Sunday of each month, Barnes hospital becomes the training center for approximately 132 airmen and nurses of the Air Force Reserve 52nd Casualty Staging Group of Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

The airmen and nurses receive their training under the direction of Major Jean Martz, who, when not serving with the Air Force Reserve, is Director of Nursing Service at Barnes.

Most of the personnel who train at Barnes each month are from the St. Louis area. One notable exception is Major Daniel C. Mills, deputy commander of the group, who generally spends his Sundays at Barnes as a doctor, commuting from his home in Memphis, Tenn., where he maintains his private practice.

The Air Force personnel receive their training in theory and classroom at Scott on Saturday, then report for duty at Barnes at 7:30 a.m. on the following day for their clinical training. They remain until 4 p.m.

The nurses and men are used on all nursing divisions except Maternity. Their Air Force designation is "Medical-Surgical Specialists," although 12 of the group are classified as "Psychiatric Technicians."

The airmen have been coming to Barnes regularly since last August and have to date donated 4,800 hours of free time to the Medical Center during the course of their training. Four of the group have also become full-time employes of Barnes during non-duty periods.

The group, and their contributions to the Medical Center, were recently featured on KMOX-TV on Max Roby's television feature. Filming was done on the day of the heavy snow storm early last month. The airmen helped fill gaps in the Barnes staff on that day, winning praise from the hospital Board of Administrators for their work.

The program is a continuing one. It is estimated that it will take three years of such training to bring the airmen to the level of practical nurses.

Seven Mark Job Anniversaries

Seven job anniversaries were observed by Barnes Hospital employees during the month of January.

Marking 20 years of service with the Medical Center were Miss Ann Campbell, administrative assistant in the Department of Nursing Administration, and Mrs. Malvina Baumstark, head of the Clinic Medical Records Department.

Celebrating 15 years of service to the hospital have been rendered by Mrs. Angela Barbour, a clerk in Medical Records; Mrs. Edna Jaccard, a nurse assistant; and Mrs. Odessa L. Wal-

Air Force Lt. Roberta Vilven checks the accuracy of the airman's blood pressure reading.

Ten Employes Are Promoted

Ten Barnes Hospital employes won promotion during January, eight of them moving up from the rank of junior nurse aide to nurse assistant.

They include: Geraldine Chamberlain, Carolyn Clay, Marlene Dixon, Wadie Gregory, Evelyn Henderson, Frieda Morris, Barbara Nunley and Alberta Woodson.

Promoted to lead girl was Dietary Aide Marva Thomasson.

Moving up from file clerk to insurance clerk was Juanita Kramer.

Congratulations on your promotions!

Kerr, Sisk Win Top Med. Society Posts

Two members of the staff of the Barnes Hospital-Washington University School of Medicine Medical Center were recently elected to the presidencies of the St. Louis Medical Society and the St. Louis County Medical Society.

Dr. David N. Kerr, instructor in clinical medicine at the Medical School, was elected president of the St. Louis Medical Society.

Dr. James C. Sisk, instructor in clinical medicine (dermatology), was elected president-elect of the St. Louis County Medical Society.
One of the consuming issues of our present day life seems to be a pronounced determination to avoid dullness.

We find evidence of this in so many places that one hardly knows where to start in upholding the idea. It is so much an element in our social structure that no age group is left out.

The pre-school child finds waiting to go to school is a boring process, and when he gets there he complains that they have not planned enough activity to keep him entertained. Our present situation has made this even more difficult for the energetic youth.

The child once had to bring in the wood and the kindling for the next day, and the youth had to cut it. That process has largely left the home scene. The mature adult finds it hard to face a task for a long period of time without a bit of glamour mixed in with the ordinary.

This trend is evidenced in advertising on just about every level. The script writer has just not done it very well unless he has made it very clear that life will be different, and so many times less dull, after the product has been used. They are capable of making an appeal to every age group in which the product might be used.

It should be just as possible to find life attractive as to find it dull, and there are many who do. This does not mean that there is never a problem to solve for some people.

The fact is, there are some who are so busy in finding solutions that they have no time to recognize dullness. The total picture of our advanced age is wonderful, and the person who takes it otherwise is most lonely.

An advance in the care and treatment of patients during the immediate post-operative period has been achieved at Barnes Hospital through the renovation of the Recovery Room in the Rand-Johnson surgical wing of the hospital.

The Recovery Room, a large "O" shaped room at the east end of the operating room suite on the 3rd floor of Rand-Johnson, has been re-floored with a light colored vinyl tile, a gift from Benjamin M. Loeb, a trustee of Barnes.

The dark tile which previously covered the floor, made it difficult for nurses and anesthetists to determine the color of the patient immediately after surgery.

The new tile also indicated how much additional lighting would be needed to bring the area up to maximum efficiency. Fifteen new lighting fixtures were then installed. After suction outlets in the room are renovated, the entire area will be repainted.

The room, manned by eight hospital personnel, handles 20 to 23 patients. Its main function is to assure that the patient recovers consciousness to the point where he can be safely returned to a nursing area in a state in which he can not only respond to verbal instructions but can also summon assistance immediately if necessary.

The room also provides for closest personal attention to the patient during the critical period which sometimes lasts 3 to 4 hours, depending upon the operative procedure. During this period a team of skilled OR personnel are on immediate call if complications should arise.

To further update the OR area, a major renovation of the Anesthesia Work Room has been carried out.

All sinks, cabinets and preparation tables were removed. Conductive tile, which grounds static electricity in the presence of the volatile anesthetics, was installed.

A complete renovation of the anesthesia area gives the area a brighter, uncluttered aspect.
Miss Chamberlain Takes Retirement After 42 Years

Miss Mary Louise Chamberlain, who joined the Medical Center when only the old clinic building occupied the present area, retired January 4th after more than 40 years of service.

Miss Chamberlain started work in the old clinic building in 1922 in Social Service work and worked in various clinics during her early years of employment. She also worked for a while at Children’s Hospital in Social Service.

A graduate of St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing, her first job was assistant to the director of the Washington University Clinic. In 1953 she turned her talents to aiding the Volunteers in clinic service, setting up family cards.

A member of Union Avenue Christ Church, Miss Chamberlain lives with her twin sister, Mrs. Addie C. Dillard.

Her plans for retirement? “We expect to have fun and have a happy life,” she said. “We have no particular travel plans but if it looks good, we will go, no matter where.”

In looking back on her years of employment at the Medical Center, Miss Chamberlain said, “I have been very happy with my work here. I enjoyed it and I enjoyed the many fine associations I have formed.

“I have no axes to grind and I will always be interested in the Medical Center. Like an acorn, it has grown into a full grove of trees. The Center has always been very kind to its employes.

“I believe half of people’s work is being happy, meeting people and enjoying them. You have to be happy in your work to really enjoy a full life,” she said.

WASH. U. OFFERS BARNES EMPLOYES EUROPEAN TOURS

For the fourth year Washington University is sponsoring a one-month, all-expense paid tour of the eight most popular European countries (England, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, and France). The dates are June 9 through July 8, 1964.

The total cost is $916 from St. Louis or $830 from New York. This includes round trip jet air transportation on Trans World Airlines, all hotels in Europe, most meals, all transportation in Europe, sightseeing, baggage handling, and services of a multilingual escort throughout the tour.

In addition to the Grand European Tour, and included on this same flight, the University is offering for the second year a tour of Scandinavia and the British Isles (England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and France). The cost is $1083 from St. Louis or $952 from New York.

The Grand Tour is limited to 40 and the Scandinavian-British Isles Tour to 20.

For the first time the University is also sponsoring an Around the World Adventure Tour from June 19 through August 2, which is limited to 20 and costs $2296, and a Grand Orient Tour from June 26 through July 26, which is limited to 30 and costs $1873.

The low price of all these tours are due to special low cost group air fares, which necessitates that the tours are limited to Washington University faculty, staff, students (day or evening), their immediate families, and employees of Barnes Hospital. A deposit of $100 is required with each reservation.

For further information, itineraries, and applications, please contact: Ed Lambrechts, Medical-Dental Store, 600 South Euclid, Sta. 400.

RECOVERY

(Continued from page 3) laid throughout the area. All electric wall outlets were changed to three-prong grounded receptacles.

All new metal cabinets were installed, along with stainless steel sinks. Ceilings were lowered and new lighting fixtures were installed. Painting completed the renovation of the area.

The upgrading of the Recovery Room and the Anesthesia Work Room form a part of a continuing program of renovation and efficiency improvement being carried out throughout the Medical Center.

Tax Forms Available

We remind you that April 15 is the deadline for filing your Federal and State Income Tax reports.

The Barnes Personnel Office has a number of the various forms required to make your tax return.

William Montgomery, employment manager, can supply you with the forms you need.

Sign on a fish box in an express office: “If not delivered in 10 days—never mind”!

Safety Tip

Put out the Yellow Flag before you perform an unsafe act. Running over slick smooth floors is dangerous.

Charles C. DeRousse

Safety Coordinator

No Smoking!

In the interests of health, safety and patient comfort, Barnes Hospital employes will not smoke in patient areas or in the corridors of the Medical Center.

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