Wishing Well Year Old; Reports $170,000 Gross

Promotions among the Barnes Hospital staff took an upsurge during April after three months of relatively few advancements. A total of 21 employees progressed to better positions last month. Eleven promotions were made in the Nursing Department. Lillian E. Akers and Ann Evans were named head nurses. Rising to the rank of assistant head nurse were Shirley McDowell, Peggy Meeker and Sheila Rae James. New senior nurse assistants are Barbara Francisco, Wadie Gregory, Bernice Johnson, Martha Johnson, Frieda Morris and Jaqueline Williams. Patricia Fulton was promoted to chief technician.

In Housekeeping, Leroy Turner was named assistant executive housekeeper. John Miller and Doyle Dotson were named evening supervisors (Continued on page 2)

Recreation Expands Patient Services

The Recreation Department has announced an expansion of services for patients in Wohl, Barnard and Barnes Hospitals effective May 1. The efforts of volunteers will be coordinated under the supervision of the Recreation Department to include: selection and distribution of games and equipment to patient rooms; invitation and transportation to patients wishing to go to auditorium programs or the sun porch areas, and accompaniment of patients wishing to go outside the hospital, such as for walks in Forest Park.

Merle Aukamp, recreational director, said the new services will be available to patients only when the request form is signed by their doctor. The forms may be obtained at each nursing station and can be forwarded to the Recreation Department through interdepartmental mail.

There will be no charge for the use of equipment or services, Aukamp said, although contributions will be accepted to purchase or replace games.
Five Observe Anniversaries

Five Barnes Hospital employees observed anniversaries of employment during April.

Mrs. Sarah L. Buck, Pharmacy secretary, and Fina F. McDermott, optician, joined the Barnes staff 15 years ago in April.

Observing 10-year anniversaries were Miss Betty Collins, administrative secretary in Professional Services; Mrs. Thelma A. Edmiston, ward clerk in Nursing and Joseph W. Milton, janitor in Housekeeping.

Congratulations on your many years of faithful service.

PROMOTIONS

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in Dispatch.

In Maintenance, Roe Champlain became general maintenance foreman.

In Dietary, Livingston Townsel was named head cook. The new assistant head cook is Lee Willard Hawkins. Clarence Jackson became grill cook and Robert Spence moved up to cook, grill relief and kitchen helper.

Clerk typist Elizabeth Lewis was promoted to secretary.

Auxiliary Re-Elects Mrs. Bence; Annual Meeting Honors Women

The Barnes Hospital Auxiliary held its annual meeting April 19 at the Forest Park Zoo and celebrated the occasion with a box lunch picnic at the Aquatic House, a new addition to the Zoo.

Mrs. Robert L. Bence was re-elected president of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Kenneth L. Gable was chosen first vice-president and Mrs. Spencer Allen was re-elected second vice-president.

Mrs. William H. Masters was selected as corresponding secretary.

The meeting honored 166 women for their contributions to Barnes throughout the past year. An additional 25 persons were awarded certificates of merit for their contributions.

Mrs. Herman Brandenburger was awarded a gold disk ornamented with a diamond for the 5,000 hours of volunteer work she has contributed to the hospital. Also receiving jeweled disks for their over 2,500 hours of assistance to Barnes were Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mrs. William Neukomm and Mrs. John B. Hill.

Recognized for 1,000 hours of service were Mesdames Walter Davis, Arthur Clark, Herbert Trask, Franklin Jackes, Thomas Freeman, Simon Edison, Spencer Edison and Fred Driemeyer.

Security Forces Get 2-Way Radios

An important step in communications, linking all the Barnes Security Guards by means of walkie-talkie radio, was announced last month by Donald J. Horsh, associate director.

Eight of the instruments plus a monitor were put into use, enabling each security guard to be in constant contact with the Security Office.

Security Guard George Rode maintains instant contact . . .

The low-cost sets, weighing approximately 15 ounces each, can be worn over the shoulder. The effective range of the sets is, under certain conditions, five miles. They can therefore reach all points in the Medical Center.

Inhalation therapy technician Don Dittoe pauses for a last check on his information before leaving to treat a patient. The reminders both above and on the door of the department are good ideas for other departments to follow.

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Chaplain's Corner
By George A. Bowles

The idea that every man has a right to his own opinion is one that we have heard expressed in many ways, at many times.

Such a statement is not necessarily true, for some opinions are against the interests and rights of other people who live within the framework of our social order.

It is often that this philosophy of the right of an opinion is expressed as a way of saying that we live in a land of freedoms that some others do not possess. These are freedoms that are treasured, and worthy of our pride, but they are to be kept within reason if we continue to have them. They could get lost.

Some have experimented with the hermit type of life, largely because they have felt that their opinions were superior to those held by society in general. It has been interesting to see how they have changed their minds.

Not many people want to be isolated from the human family, or at least for long.

There is a great sense of satisfaction in coming to the realization that we can build a respect for the opinions of others. The one who cannot do this finds himself rather lonely. This does not mean that we cast aside the convictions that we have gained through study and experience, for this would be useless waste.

Our maturity teaches us that shared opinions, though not the same, will make a better world in which to live. It is one of those practical things that is worth a try.

10 Trees Given In Graham Memory

A gift of 10 green ash trees has been donated to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch tree-planting campaign in memory of the late Dr. Evarts A. Graham, head of the Washington University Medical School's Department of Surgery and chief surgeon at Barnes.

The trees were donated by the Machine Products Division of Steuby Manufacturing Company.

John S. Steuby, president of the firm, said: "I wish these 10 memorial trees to be planted around Barnes Hospital as a memorial to Dr. Graham, who made it possible for so many people to live who had lung cancer and other chest disorders, and who dedicated himself to the cause of lung cancer."

New Heart Station Opens; Modernistic, Functional

Complete renovation of the old 2300 Metabolism Ward has provided new, more efficient, and attractive surroundings for the vital work of the Heart Station at Barnes.

The renovation permits all divisions of the Heart Station and Cardiac Laboratory to be situated in one area rather than in several locations.

The phase is another part of the constant effort to upgrade and improve the facilities at Barnes in our endeavor to become the finest medical center in the world.

The Heart Station was formerly located in the Private Pavilion, now demolished to make space for the lofty Queeny Tower under construction.

The new area is both modernistic and functional, with various rooms assigned to special functions.

While only two rooms are presently functional, the arrival of furniture and equipment should make the entire area operational within a month.

There is a reading room which will be used by the assistant residents and fellows assigned to electrocardiographic interpretation. Dr. Edward Massie reviews the tapes there each morning before turning them over to the assistant residents and fellows.

Rooms for taking vectorcardiograms and phonocardiograms are also provided in the renovated unit. To supplement the operation, there is a well-equipped dark room and a processing division for cutting and handling the electrocardiograms.

And, for the first time, there is adequate space for offices for secretaries and physicians.
**Covered Walkway Shields Patients**

The new covered walkway leading into the old Clinics Building will enable wheelchair patients to enter the building without being exposed to the elements.

A covered walkway for use of patients at the Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation is under construction at Washington University School of Medicine.

The canopy is the gift of Mr. James S. McDonnell, Jr., chairman of the Washington University Corporation, in honor of Dr. Samuel Grant, assistant professor of clinical medicine.

The steel canopy shields an entrance into the West Building of the Medical School, which adjoins the Rehabilitation Institute.

It is arranged for the convenient transfer of wheelchair patients from automobile to building in wet or icy weather.

**LETTER**

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tude of the personnel of the hospital. There were many instances when I am sure it was not easy to “keep sweet” but somehow they did.

The performance of this personnel reflects good management and training. You as the managing officer must take some credit. I congratulate you on a good job.

Sincerely yours,

J. Nean White

To All My Friends and Family Who Have Been So Thoughtful and Considerate Since My Stay In Barnes Hospital:

I had expected to express my thanks to all of you after I got home but—

Excuse me—what did you say nurse? Yes, you may take my temperature and pulse. since it looks as though I may be here longer, I feel that I should not wait until then. As I have—

Excuse me — nurse you don’t need to bathe me. I can go to the bathroom. (Wouldn’t be bad though, she’s real cute.)

undergone this rather extensive and slow moving treatment, my stay has been made—

Excuse me—the resident doctors are making their daily call —a lady from Thailand — a young man from Korea — and a young lady from Texas — a very interesting trio. They will make good doctors.

so much more pleasant by the thoughtfulness and kindness of people like you.

I once heard an old Rabbi, on the Ben Casey Show, who was dying, say that—

“Fortunate is the man who has twelve friends.” So I, too, feel fortunate to have so many good people, whom I like to call my friends. Write, call—

Excuse me — Good morning Dr.—Good morning. Follow my finger with your eyes (right, left, up, down, straight at my nose.) Show me your teeth, stick out your tongue, etc. Say, “around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran.” Fine, thanks.

“Fortunate is the man who has twelve friends.” So I, too, feel fortunate to have so many good people, whom I like to call my friends. Write, call—

Excuse me — It’s the head nurse. She wants to know how everything is going. (All the personnel here seems to be dedicated to serving the needs of the patient.) or visit me. I am asking a resolution that—

Excuse me — It’s Abbie the desk secretary with some mail. She’s a real nice lady from Maple, Mo., out near Rolla. When I get home, I am going to be more thoughtful and considerate of everyone I know, and be more appreciative of and thankful for the many blessings which are so easily taken for granted.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

J. Nean White

P.S. Perhaps I should have told you that I seem to be improving slowly.

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Administrative Engineer James Claywell presents a retirement gift to Painter William Asbeck while Associate Director Donald Horsh (right) does the same with Night Maintenance man Jim Baucom on their retirement May 1. Asbeck started work at Barnes in 1935. Baucom joined Maintenance in 1947. The two men said their future plans are indefinite.