Hope Is In Your Hands

PLASTIC MESH HOLDS SURGICAL PROMISE HERE

The successful surgical treatment of a rare malignant tumor in the upper trachea, or windpipe, through use of a new plastic mesh has been achieved by a team of Washington University surgeons at Barnes Hospital.

The operation was performed at Barnes September 3rd by members of the chest surgery division. The patient was Mrs. Jane Kommer, Metropolis, Ill. She was discharged from the hospital Wednesday, September 23rd.

The procedure, which employs a linear polyethylene known as Marlex mesh, was performed successfully for what is believed to be the first time in the Midwest. Only about six such procedures have been performed anywhere to date.

Prior to a year ago, treatment of the rare type of cancer was done only by x-ray and with little success. The problem which has faced surgeons was that no adequate substitute for the wall of the trachea could be found which would not be rejected by the body following surgery.

About two years ago, surgeons began experimenting with the wide-mesh plastic, which permits the air and fluids to pass freely through the mesh, and which later becomes encased by the surrounding tissue.

To remove the tumor, the surgical team cut out a three-inch long section of the trachea. The difficult part of the procedure was that the surgeons were forced to work between the anesthesiologist and the lungs. The patient's lungs were kept inflated by means of a slender tube with a balloon attached.

A heart-lung machine was kept ready in the event that the malignancy extended downward past the point where the trachea branches off into the lungs. If such had been the case, normal anesthesia methods would have been impossible.

Meet The Trustees

Union Electric Prexy Was Tax Counsel, Judge

J. Wesley McAfee, utility firm president, lawyer, tax counsel and circuit court judge, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital in January of 1945 and served as acting chairman of the board from 1956-1961.

Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., McAfee grew up in Brookfield, Mo. He took his law degree from the University of Missouri Law School in 1935. He was admitted to the Missouri Bar Association the same year and became a member of the law firm of Holland, Lashley and Donnell in St. Louis.

Fall Meeting

The Barnes Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Fall Meeting on Oct. 29 in the lounge of the Nurse's Residence.

From 1933-1935 he served as special tax counsel for the City of St. Louis. He was elected judge of the circuit court in St. Louis and served until 1937, at which time he re-entered private law practice with the firm of Igoe, Carroll, Keske and McAfee.

In December of 1941 he was elected president of Union Electric Company—a position he has held ever since. For four years he served as president of the North American Company of New York, which for many years owned the common stock of Union Electric. The New York company has since been dissolved. All former North American Company stockholders became the direct owners of Union Electric.

He is also a director of Electric Energy, Inc., which was formed by Union Electric and four other companies in 1960.
Money Goes

Your Fair Share pledge, in a dollars - and - cents breakdown, will provide the following services:

- **60¢ a week**—will provide four complete treatments for a child in a United Fund supported hospital clinic.
- **60¢ a week**—will send a child from a low income family to a United Fund camp for two weeks.
- **90¢ a week**—will provide character-building activities for 15 youngsters at a youth-serving agency.
- **1.50 a week**—will provide about 18 days' care for the daughter of a working mother in a United Fund day care center.
- **2.00 a week**—will provide about two weeks' care for a homeless elderly person in a United Fund home for the aged.
- **$1.00 a week**—will provide skilled vocational evaluation and counseling for a person at a United Fund agency.
- **$2.00 a week**—will provide organized activities for 20 boys and girls at a United Fund neighborhood center.
- **$2.50 a week**—will provide a month's board for two children in a United Fund agency foster home.
- **$2.50 a week**—will provide a month's training for a deaf child in a United Fund school for the deaf.

**Anniversaries**

Storeroom Manager Howard Hehner led the list of six Barnes Hospital employes observing job anniversaries during the month of September.

Hehner joined the Barnes staff in 1929 and has given 35 years of service to the institution.

Thirty years of service was observed by Murray Adams, tool crib man in Maintenance. Murray joined the staff in 1934.

Marking 16-year job anniversaries were the Director of Nursing Education Miss Elizabeth McIntosh; Medical Records Dictaphone Operator Mrs. Laura D. Welle; Nursing Superintendant Maxine N. Schwaegel, and Journeymen Painter Glennon J. Noser of Maintenance.

Congratulations on your many years of faithful service to the medical center!

**MAYBE I DON’T WANT TO GIVE**

So you just don’t want to give.

There are those who have, and those who have not, and frankly, you couldn’t care less.

You came up the hard way. You saved for your future. If others can’t make the grade, a good talking point.

The reasoning of these men: United Fund makes good business sense. Logically, one large campaign is more efficient than 117 small ones. Let's face it, facts are facts.

These UF donors are believers, not begrudgers. They believe their investment in the United Fund is a wise transaction, adding up to a better St. Louis for themselves and their families.

For those who look carefully, the signs of internal decay are clear: sidewalk murder, common law marriages, dope peddling, school drop outs, chronic unemployment. And since it is an economic fact that poverty breeds poverty, crime breeds more crime, and violence can be the off-spring of both of these, the signs are scheduled to get worse if left alone.

The foremost for the rest of St. Louis is clear: Illiterate people make poor citizens. School drop outs are future unemployables. People with no jobs and little money are a drain on the economy.

For the grand total—a St. Louis where general living standards, if left unhelped, could be on the downgrade.

**Let Conscience Guide Giving:**

**Panhorst Says**

On October 1st the Barnes Hospital Group began sharing—with all other hospitals—in the drive for the United Fund.

We very sincerely urge each of you to make every effort to contribute your Fair Share, not only through a spirit of responsibility to your community, but also as a matter of pride in the organization of which you are a member.

The sick, the blind, the neglected or handicapped child, the aged and the affected are not the responsibility of "others." They are our neighbors; our responsibility. They ask our help only once each year. They need our help every day of the year.

The hospitals in this Medical Center receive United Fund support for those sick and injured persons who seek help through our Out-Patient clinics and some of those who are on the wards of our institution. This is the one chance we have to face up to our responsibility for rendering assistance.

Your solicitation card has been handed you by a fellow worker. Please fill it out promptly and return it. Only your own conscience can tell you if one hour's pay per month for 12 months will cover your Fair Share of responsibility toward your less fortunate neighbor.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Panhorst

**NINE MOVE UP**

Job promotions were won by nine Barnes employees during September, three of them by nurse assistants.

Moving up from nurse assistant to senior nurse assistant were Virginia Magbee, Rowena Dunlap and Opal Johnson.

Porter George Adams was promoted to the job of animal room attendant.

Dorothy Edwards, an instructor in staff development, became a supervisor last month.

File Clerk Gertrude VanDenElizen became a clerk-typist.

In the laundry, Extractor Operator Bennie Young moved up to the job of Washingman. Elsewhere in the laundry, Washman J. C. Waller became a group leader.

And in Maintenance, General Maintenance Helper George Finn became an apprentice.

Our congratulations on your promotions and best wishes for continued success.
There are two elements in life that are of great importance, and in need of consideration by all of us in our daily associations.

One of these is opinion, the other is gossip.

In the classification of our language, these two words are homs, which mean that they denote something that is real. It is not out of place to look at these two real elements together.

There is the story of the old lady who said that there was no use to have an opinion if you could not talk about it, which was all right, but she had to find out the hard way that talk had grown into the hard to handle monster of gossip. They do become related.

Opinion is a delicate matter, for it is a belief not based on certainty or positive fact, but on what seems true or probable to one's own mind.

It is easy to see that we could easily become confused by our own environment and experiences. If we have been prone to develop negative feelings about the world in general, there is the danger of becoming rather lonely in the process.

Gossip is also a delicate matter. Where is the person who has not partaken, at some time in the course of the years? It is possible to believe that some of these have been innocent.

It is hard to believe that the habitual gossiper can ever find any happiness, for what satisfaction can come from spreading idle talk and rumors about another person.

Opinions make for human progress.

Gossip does not call for like praise.

Dave Blackwell, chief technician at the Mallinckrodt Radiological Institute, explains what doctors look for in x-rays to Candy Striper attending Careers Day at Barnes Sept. 12. About 400 teenager volunteers from Barnes, Children's and Jewish hospitals toured the three institutions and saw demonstrations by department heads and executives on a variety of hospital careers.

**Chaplain's Corner**

By George A. Bowles

Four new members of the Barnes Hospital Attending Staff were announced by Director Harry E. Panhorst during September.

New members are: Dr. Herbert H. Gass, assistant dermatologist; Dr. Howard S. Liang, assistant anesthesiologist; Dr. William W. Monafo, Jr., assistant surgeon, and Dr. Granville J. Womack, assistant surgeon.

Among other Attending Staff members, Dr. George D. Sorenson, assistant pathologist, will be on leave of absence until July 1, 1965.

**Four Attending Staff Named**

**Copher Award To Boston Dietitian**

The 1964 Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award was presented to Mrs. Beula Becker Marble, consumer consultant, Boston District of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The award is presented annually to the outstanding dietitian of the year among members of the American Dietetic Association by Dr. Glover H. Copher, general surgeon on the Barnes Hospital Staff.

In the course of the presentation, Dr. Frank R. Bradley, director emeritus of Barnes, described the award as "... honoring dietitians who, by applying themselves, have become outstanding."

Dr. Bradley told Mrs. Marble that her career "is a source of inspiration for those of us who may wonder if the long road in dietetics and organization work is worth while."

Mrs. Ruth Barr, occupational therapist at McMillan, has been chosen "Queen for a Day" on the ABC-TV national telecast while vacationing in Hollywood at the end of August.

Mrs. Barr, who works with eye patients at McMillan, wished for a Braille recording machine to be used for her work with patients.

She said the Braille portable recorder would be a great aid to her teaching efforts among patients who may learn to live without sight.

She was picked from among four contestants and was showed with gifts for her personal and family use, among them the coveted Braille recorder.

Mrs. Barr, visiting Los Angeles while her husband, Robert, is an insurance salesman, was attending a convention of the New York Life Insurance Company.

The Barrs and their two children, Robert Jr., 12, and Richard, 8, had planned to return home to Webster Groves the day after the show but extended their stay to allow for a whirl about Hollywood in a chauffeured limousine.

**Ruth Barr - Queen For A Day**

Dr. M. K. King is Acting Dean

Dr. M. Denton King, a member of the Washington University School of Medicine faculty since 1957, has been named acting dean of the school succeeding Dr. Edward W. Dempsey, now special assistant to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Anthony Cebreze.

The announcement was made by Washington University Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot.

Dr. King has been associate dean of the school since July 1962.

Dr. Carl V. Moore, vice chancellor for medical affairs, said Dr. King has the full support of the faculty.

"Dr. King is familiar with the dean's office and is well qualified to serve as acting dean," Dr. Moore said.

Dr. Dempsey is on leave of absence from his post as professor and chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the School of Medicine.

A committee has been appointed to recommend a new dean.

Mrs. Ruth Barr, occupational therapist at McMillan, as she received congratulations from TV personality Jack Smith upon becoming "Queen for a Day" in Hollywood.

Among the gifts, which are still being received by the Barr family, are furniture, cooking utensils, kitchen appliances, a new wardrobe, jewelry, and an expense-paid vacation trip for her family.

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Eugene L. Chase, formerly the School's Maintenance Engineer, has been named Director of Physical Plant.

Four-year-old Jay De Shetler, the United Fund's 1964 Poster Boy, has been deaf since birth.

At the age of six months he wore hearing aids on both ears. This was the beginning of a long battle for Jay—a battle to learn to use sound without knowing what it is; a battle to make his eyes and his hands become his ears.

"He wants to talk to us so badly," says his mother, Mrs. Art De Shetler, 1227 Fort Diane Drive. "Normal children store up words they hear and learn to express their feelings through them. Jay, having never heard words, has not been able to do this."

Mrs. De Shetler speaks in a quiet, knowledgeable way about the problems of raising a deaf child. Her other son, Steven, 10, is also deaf. Both boys attend St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf, a non-sectarian United Fund agency.

The De Shetlers moved from St. Louis to St. Joseph, Mo., to take advantage of the facilities of St. Joseph's.

"We had no job, nothing. We just took off," Mrs. De Shetler laughs.

Now the boys are working hard to adjust to a soundless world and make it theirs. And the progress is there. Both boys can lip read. Steven is busy with his math, geography, and history courses. Jay has learned to say, "I am Jay, I love you," and is learning to connect more objects with ideas and sounds.

"We're just lucky to have such wonderful teachers and facilities at St. Joseph's," Mrs. De Shetler says. "The job they do there is remarkable, and each child is loved and patiently helped."

Because of the expense of training two deaf children, the Catholic Charities Department of Children, also a non-sectarian United Fund agency, pays part of Jay's tuition. Thus, the De Shetlers and other families of deaf children benefit doubly from United Fund—through direct financial help and through the use of St. Joseph's facilities. Without UF help, the cost of training deaf children would be prohibitive for many.

The future for Jay and Steven? More hard work and eventual entrance into a normal high school.

"When we think how much worse off other people are, we feel fortunate for the simple handicap of deafness," stated Mrs. De Shetler.

She: "How come you are getting home at this hour?"

He: "I ran out of money."