Burn Treatment Very Successful

A long-known remedy revived in light of modern medical techniques has proven successful in treatment of serious burns, Dr. Carl Moyer has reported to the WU Medical Society.

The treatment utilizes a weak solution of silver nitrate and has reduced the mortality rate on serious burns from an anticipated 80% to 40%.

In a letter to the WU Medical Society, Dr. Moyer noted that, in cases where no serious deformity resulted, there had been no deaths from septicemia, and in cases in which the number of skin grafts necessary had been no more than one-third of what would be expected.

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Dr. Moyer also said that in previously treated patients, the loss of skin and fat layer directly under the skin had not been completely cooked.

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Dr. Moyer described the limiting factor as the necessity for continued monitoring of the fluid system in the patient. "This treatment can only be carried on in a medical center where microanalysis of blood is possible," he said. "In the critical stages, it must be done every four hours."

In addition to control of most types of bacteria found associated with burns, the treatment has also proven successful in preventing hypermetabolism by use of a wet dressing covered by a permeable dry sheet or blanket.

In the 23-patient series reported, there was very little weight loss.

ANNIVERSARIES

Three Barnes employees observed anniversaries of employment during February.

Dr. King Named Med School Dean; Acting Dean Since September

Dr. M. Kenton King has been named dean of the Washington University School of Medicine, Chancellor Thomas H. Elliott has announced.

Dr. King, 40, has been acting dean of the school since last September, when Dr. Edward W. Dempsey resigned as dean and took a leave of absence as professor of anatomy to become special assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. King has served as associate dean since 1962.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, he took his post-graduate training at Barnes Hospital and Vanderbilt University Hospital. He spent two years as a research fellow in microbiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. King joined the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine in 1957 and served as director of Student Health Service until 1962.

In addition to his title as dean, he will be associate professor of preventive medicine.

He, his wife and four sons live at 7110 Kingsbury Blvd., University City.

Tea Honors Volunteers

A tea in honor of Barnes Hospital Volunteers was held at the home of Mrs. Willard Bartlett at 6945 Ellenwood on March 3rd.

The tea was sponsored by the Barnes Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Assisting at the tea table were Mrs. Herbert Trask, Mrs. Fred Driemeyer, Mrs. Douglas Williams, and Mrs. Edwin M. Clark. All are past presidents of the Barnes Auxiliary.

Mrs. Robert Bence is president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Spencer Allen, 1st vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Gable, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Carl Bressen, recording secretary; Mrs. William Masters, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Harry Steen, treasurer.

The Volunteers are continuing their efforts to recruit new members to aid in the important work of caring for patients at the Medical Center. To date, 20 new Volunteers have joined the Auxiliary but many more are needed.

Ten Win Job Promotions

Promotions were won by ten Barnes employees during the past month.

Nursing Supervisor Mrs. Marie Rhodes was advanced to the post of assistant director of Nursing Service.

Instructor Shirley Howard of the School of Nursing moved up to coordinator. Ward Clerk Donna Harris became a nursing service manager.

In Data Processing, Everett Menendez rose to the rank of supervisor of the department.

In the Laboratory, Technician Edna Lobenz became an assistant chief technician. Inhalation Therapy Technician A. D. Atkinson moved up to therapist.

Secretary Shirley Brockes became an administrative secretary.

In Maintenance, Apprentice Electricians Albert Fresenburg and Delmar Curry became journeymen. Journeymen Carpenter Medford Dudley rose to carpenter-foreman.

Congratulations on your promotions and your service to the medical center.

ANNIVERSARIES

Three Barnes employes observed anniversaries of employment during February.

Laboratory Supervisor Miss Olivia Paulter and Nursing Education Instructor Miss Peggy E. Liles marked 15 years of employment at Barnes.

Congratulations.
GOOD SERVICE "CAN'T LAST," PATIENT FINDS

February 4, 1965

Dear Sir:
In June 1964 the dreadful news of going to a hospital for eye surgery was my fate. How could news like that bring anything but misery? The expense! The operation! — a necessity, a defective eye from birth which many other doctors had labeled as hopeless. Then there was the hospital and a place no one wants to go to and only too glad to get away from.

I entered the hospital — McMillan — on Thursday. Because of an extremely busy schedule, the doctor was unable to operate until Saturday afternoon. At first I was a bit confused with the doctors and members of your staff for their humble apologies for detaining the operation. It was almost unbelievable. Everyone was so kind. I caught myself thinking, "This is too good to be true. It can't last." It was as if I were someone special or important. Well — it didn't last. It got better.

On the way up to the operating room, I was unusually calm and at peace. The operation didn't last. It got better.

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Miss Wilma L. White, supervisor of the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory, inspects new equipment in the new "pilot" lab located on the second floor of the Service Building.

Developmental Lab Opened

A new "pilot" or developmental laboratory, which opened on the second floor of the Service Building last month as a division of the Clinical Chemistry Department, can prove very valuable in performing a diagnostic service for patients of various types, not only at Barnes but also at other hospitals throughout the Medical Center.

Under the supervision of Miss Wilma L. White, one of the primary projects of the new laboratory is the determination of protein-bound iodines in blood plasma through the use of the auto-analyser—a highly specialized instrument for automated determination.

The amount of protein-bound iodine is one of the methods of measuring the thyroid function and metabolism of the entire body.

The procedure produces results similar to those of a basal metabolism test but without the use of the mask, which often proves to be frightening to children and mental patients and bothersome to old people.

The laboratory is designed to develop new diagnostic procedures and to improve present procedures used in clinical chemistry.

MOVE VISITORS' DRESSING ROOM

The O. R. visitors' dressing room has been relocated from the third floor of Rand-Johnson to the fourth floor.

The new visitors' dressing area is located at the west end of the O. R. Supply Room at the west end of the main corridor.

The room was relocated because of the need for more storage space for surgical instruments on the O. R. suite floor. The instruments will be stored in the room which was formerly occupied by Operating Room Supervisor Mrs. Florence Maze. Mrs. Maze will move her office to the former visitors' dressing room.

Ken Boyer Aids Renard Patients

A program patterned after the television quiz "What's My Line" spotlighted the Recreation activities last month at Renard Hospital. Five celebrated guests appeared during the evening in hopes of stumping the panel of Renard patients.

Mr. Charles Schweighauser, Director of the McDonnell Planetarium in Forest Park appeared as the first guest. Mr. Schweighauser in addition to his responsibilities at the Planetarium is on the faculty of both Washington University and St. Louis University and is coordinator of the astronomy and space science division of the Missouri Academy of Science.

The second guest who arrived before the panel was Mrs. Earline Knackstedt, a photographer, who was assigned by the federal government to take movies and slides of a project in Barien, Panama concerned with jungle survival. Mrs. Knackstedt also is a collector of some 200 antique cameras with the oldest dating back to 1894.

Cardinal captain and star third baseman Ken Boyer being interviewed by Recreation Director Merle Aukamp.

The panel was blindfolded before the signing in procedure of the mystery challenger. Mr. Ken Boyer, captain and star third baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals surprised everyone by his appearance. The efforts of Mr. Boyer were evident throughout the past season as he lead the Cardinals to the World Championship.

Following Mr. Boyer came Mrs. Helen Cowie who informed the audience after stumping the panel that she is a self employed dance instructor specializing in teaching male students.

The final challenger was Mr. (Continued on Page 4)
Chaplain’s Corner
By George A. Bowles

Among all of the elements that go into the making of the individual, there is not one that could rank very much ahead of our will to accomplish. When one such element is singled out as being of outstanding importance, we can all think of others that stand high in our own estimation. There are many others, of course.

Our will serves as the focal point for so many other things that we happen to be. It has to do with what others think of us. The quitter, who lacks the sense of obligation that always goes along with a strong will, does not make very good company, and finds himself rather alone in the environment in which he lives.

The beliefs we have, and are willing to stand up for, are by-products of a will that guides daily life. Without beliefs that hold when the going gets hard, life becomes a matter of shifting with the crowd. In such shifting the crowd into which one might drift becomes less helpful and inspiring.

Our will is the stronghold against discouragements. How easy it is to look about us and find those who have been more fortunate in material things, and then ask ourselves why we have been less fortunate. It is often true that we know nothing of the long process through which they had to pass to reach the attained goals. The one of weak will falls for such discouragements, and these reach over into the field of health and other areas which prevent desired happiness.

Well, most of us have to work at something for a livelihood, and what a privilege this is. Add to this the will to achieve and it becomes a greater privilege.

Employment Office
Supplies Tax Forms

The Personnel Department reminds Barnes employees that the Employment Office has a supply of various tax forms on hand for their convenience.

Ask for them by name and number

They are:

FEDERAL
- Form 1040 (Long Form) — U. S. Individual Tax Return.
- Information on how to prepare Form 1040.
- Form 1040A (Short Form) — U. S. Individual Tax Return.
- Instructions for 1040A for Employes Who Earn Less than $10,000.
- Form 1040, Schedule B — Supplemental Schedule for Income and Credits.
- Form 1040, Schedule C — Profit (or Loss) From Business or Profession.
- Form 1040, Schedule D — Gains and Losses from Sales or Exchanges of Property.
- Form 2120 — U. S. Treasury Department Internal Revenue — Multiple Support Declaration.
- Form 2440 — Statement to Support Exclusion of Sick Pay.
- Form 2441 — Statement of Expenses for Care of Children and Certain Other Dependents. STATE OF MISSOURI
- Form 28-10 — Missouri Department of Revenue Income Tax Unit.
- Affidavit Substantiating Claim as “Head of a Family.”

You are urged to compare your W-2 form with your Social Security Card to insure that your Social Security number is correctly listed on the form.

Payment of your Social Security benefits when you retire is based on the Social Security Administration’s record of earnings, as credited to your account by the reference number on your card.

Print Shop to
Open Sat. A.M.

On Saturday, March 13, the Print Shop added one man on duty between 8:00 a.m. and noon to provide for weekend photocopy and mimeograph requirements.

Routine requirements must continue to be scheduled during normal week day hours.

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Three Retire;
Service Totals
75 Years

Mrs. Josephine Fisher retired Feb. 15 from the Barnes staff after 14 years of service as a ward clerk, and later in staff development.

Much of her work at Barnes consisted of instructing new ward clerks and aiding them in keeping up with new developments in the medical center.

On Feb. 17 Miss Kathryn McCain retired after 20 years of service. She started as a staff nurse at McMillan and at the time of her retirement was an evening supervisor.

On March 12, Mary Lasater left Barnes employ after 41 years of service. She started in the Laundry as a press operator and at the time of her retirement was a folder.

Administration extends its congratulations and hopes for a happy retirement to each of these people and extends its sincere thanks for their years of faithful service.

The Volunteers get many strange requests from patients.

The latest was from an elderly, mountain-type lady. She asked for a corn cob pipe and tobacco. Said she hadn’t had a good smoke in weeks.
ing room, the orderly (I’m not sure of his title—the gentleman who wheeled me on the cart) was sweet and friendly, putting me completely at ease. I was left in the hall for seconds, when the doctor took the time to stop and assure me that I would be taken care of soon. During the operation, I felt I was assisting as a part of the staff instead of the patient.

They were all so gracious and wonderful to me, especially Dr. Cibis. How could he find the time to be so kind and human! It somehow is never expected nor received from someone so professional and important as he is. If he could really know how much that counts and what it does for the patient, who feels so insecure and at everyone’s mercy. I actually tried from time to time to find someone on the hospital staff who wasn’t quite so nice. I finally had to admit all this attention, kindness and service was the overall policy of the hospital. When it was time for me to be released, I was reluctant to leave. I really mean that and can truly say I have never heard anyone say that about any other hospital.

This November I was confronted with the same sad news. Another eye operation—a same eye—same condition. This time I felt no remorse, no fear. I faced it with complete confidence in the doctors and an anticipation of returning to the 7th floor of McMillan Hospital.

All of this might sound like a gross exaggeration. Believe me it’s not. I love your staff of dedicated people. I agree they are the finest.

In my opinion your Institution is especially blessed and I’m certain if one would take the time, he could see the halo that encircles Barnes Center.

Unfortunately, I am not financially able to show my true love and appreciation, however, I am storming the heavens with prayers and petitions for the welfare of the various hospital divisions and the entire personnel.

May God shower you and yours with His choicest blessings.

Perhaps some day God will see fit for me to express my thanks in a better way. Must tell you my eye operation so far is successful. To me a miracle has been performed. After 51 years my prayers have been answered. Thanks for everything. God bless you always.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Helen Pircher
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