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Shown above is the 1960 group of Danforth Girls with their guide, Mr. Earl A. Sindecuse of Ralston-Purina Company, on their recent visit to the Medical Center.

The Ralston-Purina Company has offered the Wm. H. Danforth Summer Fellowship to Home Economics seniors since 1936. Outstanding young women from leading state universities are brought together for a four-weeks' program of study, research, leadership training, and fellowship. One day of their St. Louis trip is always spent touring the Medical Center.

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BEN STRUEBIG RETIRES AFTER FORTY-TWO YEARS AT BARNES

On September 24, 1917 Ben Struebig came to work as the first painter for Barnes Hospital. It had been strictly by accident that he came to work here. One day while riding with his father, who was a contractor, he passed the hospital which was under construction. A large sign out front gave the name of the contractors who were hired to paint the building. Mr. Struebig told his father that he thought the hospital would need somebody to take care of it after the painters had finished. When he got home he called the hospital and sent in an application. That was in 1915. He forgot all about the application until two years later when he received a letter asking him to come to the hospital about a job. Dr. Burlingham, then director of Barnes, took him around the hospital and showed him places that needed work. Even though the hospital was new, water had seeped in and run down some of the walls, requiring refinishing. Two weeks later Mr. Struebig was hired for a job that was supposed to last three weeks. As it turned out, it lasted for over 40 years. As Mr. Struebig put it, "They just built the hospital around me and I couldn't get out." And no wonder the hospital was reluctant to let such a person go.

During his employment as paint foreman, Mr. Struebig proved to be a most valuable man. After his first job, that of painting the



Ben Struebig

surgical amphitheatre, there were many other things to be done and Mr. Struebig found himself with a permanent position. The only time he was away from the hospital was to be in service during World War I for 13 months.

The largest job undertaken by his department was that of stripping all the woodwork that was painted white and return it to the natural oak color. This job took seven years. During this time Mr. Struebig supervised as many as 90 men. He has supervised 5,200 men during his employment here.

The most outstanding experience Mr. Struebig recalls was the day the main water line broke, cutting off the water supply for the hospital. It was a Thursday and he did not get home until the following Tuesday because of it.

Mr. Struebig and his wife Anna have one married daughter Pearl who lives in England with her husband and little girl. Mr. and Mrs. Struebig own two farms, both in Illinois. This and "a lot of work to do at home" will keep him busy when he retires August 5. A curious thing, though, whenever his own home required painting, Mr. Struebig was too busy to do it himself, and had to hire another painter to do it for him. At long last he will be able to apply his expert experience to his own home.



Nurse Assistants who completed the In-Service Training Program in July are shown above celebrating at a tea given in their honor on their final class day. The graduates are: Blanche Cunningham, Rose Mary Dancy, Elizabeth Day, MaeOla Gettis, Virginia Hawkins, Dorothy Heard, Delois Hibbler, Marie Johnson, Amell Levy, Faye Marley, Elizabeth Mahoney, Lois McClanahan, Joan Neal, Loretta Peaston, Margaret Petty, Rosie Thatch, and Joyce Williams.

PARKING GARAGE NEAR COMPLETION

The parking garage, which has been under construction for several months, is now rapidly being completed. The original plans for an early opening of the garage were delayed by the decision to add one more floor for additional parking. While the completion of the garage depends on the availability of steel for the additional floor, it is planned to have two floors available for parking approximately the first week of September with completion in October.

The garage has been leased to and will be operated by "Wayco." The garage will be a self-parking system with an automatic gate. There will be an elevator and stairs connecting the floors to the sidewalks. The total capacity of the garage will be approximately 700 cars. The garage will be available to all medical center personnel as well as the general public. The parking rates will be on an hourly and monthly base. Any-

one interested in securing a parking space on a monthly rate are requested to call Mr. Krekeler of the Wayco system at GA 1-3054.

The following schedule gives the parking rates for the new garage.

.15	1st half hour
.30	1 hour
.40	2 hours
.45	3 hours
.50	12 hours
1.00	24 hours
12.50	monthly

All rates are subject to 5% city tax.

BOWLING, ANYONE?

Bowling season is close at hand, and last year's players are now looking forward to another successful season if enough bowlers can be found to form a league. Any interested bowlers, beginners or otherwise, may contact the Personnel Office.

Anniversaries

30 YEARS

On July 24 Augusta Jordan celebrated her 30th anniversary in the Housekeeping Department. She is a Junior Housekeeping Aide. Born in Columbus, Mississippi, Mrs. Jordan moved to St. Louis at the age of fourteen. She first worked in the pantry on 2418; then moved to 3100. Mrs. Jordan is a widow and lives with her nieces. She is active in her church choir and likes flowers. As a hobby she makes artificial flowers.

20 YEARS

Mrs. Clara Cosgrove celebrated 20 years of employment here July 17. She has been the night cafeteria manager for 18 1/2 years. The first year and a half she was on the day shift, in charge of the floor girls who bussed the main dining room tables. Mrs. Cosgrove was born in Mill Springs, Missouri. She moved here and married; then moved to Arizona, and then returned here. She has one son Leslie who is married and has three daughters. He and his family live in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Cosgrove's brother Clyde Turnbough is Shop Foreman in the Maintenance Department here. In her spare time Mrs. Cosgrove likes to crochet. She likes to travel and has just returned from a visit with her son in Arizona.

15 YEARS

Rosa Elliott celebrated her 15th anniversary July 30 as a Laboratory Aide. She was born in Duncanville, Alabama and moved here in 1944. She has a son and a daughter, both married and living out of town. Rosa's husband Jim works for the Terminal Railroad. In her spare time Mrs. Elliott works around her home.

Mrs. Margurite Groom celebrated her 15th anniversary August 20. Originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she moved here in 1922. Mrs. Groom, a widow, has two

married daughters. One lives in Arizona, the other here with Mrs. Groom. Mrs. Groom began her employment in Central Supply; then was a floor secretary on 2418. She presently divides her time in Central Supply and Patient Information which she set up approximately six years ago. In her spare time Mrs. Groom likes to crochet and read. She loves hospital work and considers it a busy and satisfying service.

Alberta Steward began her employment July 20, 1945 as a Nurse Aide on 5200. She is presently a Senior Nurse Assistant on 7 McMillan. Mrs. Steward was born in Tipton, Tennessee. She has two married daughters; one lives in Wisconsin, the other lives here. Mrs. Steward has four grandchildren. Outside of her work, she takes an active interest in her church.

Bernice Patterson celebrated her 15th anniversary July 9. She works in the Bacteriology Laboratory as a Technical Assistant. Mrs. Patterson is a native St. Louisan. Her husband Joseph is a musician. In her spare time Mrs. Patterson likes to read.

Lorelle Littleton celebrated 15 years employment in the Dietary Department July 27. She works on the vegetable unit. Mrs. Littleton was born and raised in Lebanon, Illinois. Her husband Thomas works at Stauffer Chemical Plant. They have a son and a daughter, both married and living here. Mrs. Littleton is president of the St. Matthews Baptist Church choir. Also, she likes to travel.

10 YEARS

On August 21 Marcella Harris will celebrate 10 years of continuous employment with Barnes Hospital. Born in Chester, Illinois, Marcella moved here in 1949. She first worked on 2200 for five years. She is now a Senior Nurse Assistant on 52 Chest. She has a son Craig, age 17, who attends school in Illinois. She lists bowling as a favorite outside interest.

Mary Nicolay celebrated her 10th anniversary

sary August 2. She was born in Jerseyville, Illinois. She graduated from Jewish Hospital School of Nursing and has been a graduate nurse for 25 years. She is presently a part time R.N. on 5 Wohl. Mary's husband Nick works for the Post-Dispatch. In her spare time Mrs. Nicolay likes to knit and read.

July 7 marked the 10th anniversary of Dr. Harold J. Joseph, physician in charge of the Personnel Health Department. Dr. Joseph was born in Floresville, Texas. He was graduated from medical school at the University of Texas in Galveston. He interned and took his residency here at Barnes. He was a fellow in Gastroneurology here. Besides his present position, Dr. Joseph maintains his own private practice and is a member of the private medical attending staff at Barnes. Dr. Joseph and his wife Sharon have two children -- Amy age 4 and Georgann age 2. Dr. Joseph is interested in sport cars as a hobby.

Ada Mae Hall celebrated her 10th anniversary August 8. She is a Senior Nurse Assistant in Barnes Operating Room, nights. Mrs. Hall and her husband Lawrence have two children--Charlotte age 13 and Diana age 11. Mr. Hall works for Paramount Liquor Company. Mrs. Hall's sister, Ida Mae McClain, is a secretary in Barnes Operating Room, days.

Also celebrating 10th year anniversaries are Dr. William H. Daughday, consultant in Blood Chemistry and Basal Metabolism Laboratories and Dr. William E. Magee, Jr., a Personnel Health Physician. Both of these men will also be known to many of our employees as members of the private medical attending staff.

5 YEARS

Those who completed five years of continuous employment during July are Lillian Aston, Technician Assistant in Barnes Laboratories (July 1); Dr. Jack Barrow, Personnel Health and Allergy Clinic (July 23); Dr. Harvey R. Bernard, Assistant Surgeon in General Surgery (July 1); Fern Bridgeforth, Head Nurse on 8 Maternity (July 26); Helen

Bryant, Coordinator in School of Nursing (July 1); Nanette Burgess, Receptionist in Nurses' Residence (July 1); Dr. H. Marvin Camel, Personnel Health (July 1); Willie Cane, Jr. Housekeeping Aide (July 1); John Carr, Janitor in Nurses' Residence (July 1); Laura Davis, Laundry (July 26); Dr. Ralph V. Gieselman, Personnel Health (July 29); Dr. Fleming B. Harper, Personnel Health (July 1); Jo Ann Hediger, Coordinator in School of Nursing (July 19); Jennie Livingston, Jr. Housekeeping Aide (July 1); Hilma McSparin, Barnes Medical Records (July 28); Blanche Mowris, Barnes Information (July 25); Thelma O'Neall, Evening Residence Director, School of Nursing (July 1); Sarah Robinson, Sr. Nurse Assistant in Barnes (July 27); Eugenia Russell, Sr. Head Nurse in Renard (July 1); Gertrude Schneider, Receptionist in Nurses' Residence (July 1); Leola Scott, Jr. Housekeeping Aide (July 1); Charles Sherman, Housekeeping (July 1); Barbara Strange, R.N. in Barnes (July 1); Dr. Norton G. Waterman, Resident in Surgery (July 1); Dr. Kirkley R. Williams, Resident in Surgery (July 1); Mildred Woodard, Housekeeping, Nurses' Residence (July 1); Patricia Worthington, R.N. in McMillan (July 28).

Those who completed five years of continuous employment during August are Etheleen Bradley, Discharge clerk, Barnes (August 18); Mildred Deters, Maternity Admitting (August 8); William Evans, Dietary Maintenance (August 23); William Green, Sr. Orderly in Renard (August 12); Martha Gresham, I.B.M. (August 29); Viola Griep, Instructor in School of Nursing (August 1); Vora Haltom, Nurse Assistant in Barnes (August 22); Edna Hilts, Sr. Nurse Assistant in Barnes (August 10); Maggie Hurd, Barnes Housekeeping (August 25); Regina Lee, Nurse Assistant in Barnes (August 29); Everil McDavitt, Head Nurse, Barnes OR (August 29); Johnifer Oldham, Pharmacy (August 11); Colette Reis, Floor Secretary in Barnes (August 22); Joy Utt, I.B.M. (August 8); Carl Weatherford, Barnes Store-room (August 18); Wilma White, Assistant Chief Technician in Barnes Laboratories (August 8).

THE GRAPEVINE

ROSE MARY DANCY, Nursing, became Mrs. Eldridge Davis June 10. She was married in her mother's home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fred McDonald MARLA R. MORROW, Nursing, and Mr. Cornelius A. Natoli were married in a small wedding at St. Louis Cathedral by Father Drennin July 16. Breakfast with the immediate family followed at the Bel-Air Motel WILHEMENA MORRIS, Nursing, and Mr. Irvin J. Clair were married June 25 at the First Baptist Church of Creve Coeur. A reception was held at the groom's house Wedding bells rang for DONNA LOU EDMISTON, Barnes Medical Records, and Mr. Robert J. Patterson at the First Baptist Church of St. Johns July 2, at 7:30 p.m. . . . CAROLYN A. BURTON, Nursing, and Mr. Oscar Williams, Jr. repeated their nuptial vows at St. Phillips Lutheran Church, June 26. The reception was held at her mother-in-law's home. She wishes to thank all the girls in Barnes Operating Room for all the wonderful gifts they gave her JOANNE WALKER, Nursing, and Mr. William C. Wayne were married June 27 by Rev. R. C. Lacy at the Pleasant Valley Church SHIRLEY J. CLABORN, Nursing, and Mr. Robert Burke were married May 14 at Hopewell Baptist Church. A large reception for friends and relatives was held at the bride's home LYDIA SNOWIDA, Nursing, and Dr. Antonio M. Guiao were married June 18 at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church VIRGINIA L. ROBSON, Occupational Therapy, and Mr. Francis W. Cheatham exchanged wedding vows June 11, at LaGrange Presbyterian Church in Illinois ERNESTINE PAGE, Nursing, and Mr. Clifford Jordan were married June 25 at Tower Grove Baptist Church by CHAPLAIN BOWLES MARY DELL BOTT, Nursing, and Mr. Arvin J. Crose were married June 18 in Godfrey, Illinois NELDA M. SPICELMIER, Nursing, and

NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD



Donald W. Donaldson

Mr. Donald W. Donaldson, former Security Officer, was promoted to Chief of Security Division of the Barnes Hospital Group May 29. Before coming to Barnes, Mr. Donaldson was on the St. Louis Police force for fifteen years. As a department head, he now supervises nine men who help him guard the hospital 24 hours a day. His outside interests include swimming and bowling.

Mr. George Krueger were married June 18 in Pond, Missouri. A reception and dance followed the formal ceremony. Congratulations to FRANCES JANE SULLIVAN, who was promoted from Junior Staff Nurse to Assistant Nurse June 26; SANDRA LEE GRIMM was promoted from Junior Staff Nurse to Assistant Head Nurse June 26, and ROSETTA GARDNER was promoted from Senior Nurse Assistant to Floor Technician July 10 Congratulations to MERLE AUKAMP, Head of Recreational Therapy, and his wife on the birth of their first child, a 7-pound, 9-ounce baby girl, born July 8 at 2:15 a.m. Her proud papa was giving out candy and cigars all day Pearl of the Month: "Remember the turtle he never makes any progress until he sticks out his neck."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by

George Bowles

There are times when certain events cause us to think seriously about some matters that are too often passed by with little attention. The month of July supplied us with several such events that are worthy of note.

An unusual amount of space was given by the press to the meaning and background of our celebration of July 4. The value of independence was stressed in many broadcasts at that time and at the time of the selection of men to serve our country for the next four years in Washington. Much of this unusual emphasis centered about the creation of a new flag, giving recognition to the fact that two new states have been added to our great nation. The statements seemed to be designed to lift our appreciation for the heritage that is ours, as well as make us aware of the fact that such independence did not come by accident. To have it, every person must carry a part of the responsibility that goes with it.

Then there has been the matter of the political conventions. Too often these meetings are viewed from one standpoint only - the process of selecting candidates for the two high offices of our government. An equal responsibility, as many view the meetings, is to sum up needs and hopes for the future in what is called a platform of the party. We have the American right to make up our own minds in regard to the individuals and the planks of the platform, along with a joyous obligation to do so.

Good habits are the soul's muscles. The more you use them, the stronger they grow.

GEORGE DANIEL SMITH returned part time in his former job as a porter in the labs ROSALIE ANN PARSONS returned June 20 as part time R.N. in Renard MILDRED MAY returned June 20 as Nurse Assistant in McMillan KENT RAVENSCROFT returned June 13 as an Orderly, summer only JAMES M. FORD returned June 20 as part time in General Maintenance PEARL M. THRASHER, former ward clerk returned July 5 as Admitting Secretary in Barnes HOWARD JOHNSON returned July 2 as a linen sorter in the laundry for the summer only EVA J. HALL returned July 1 as a part time R.N. in Wohl CORA MAE HICKS returned July 1 as Nurse Aide in Barnes ROSE A. LANG returned as part time Nurse Aide in Wohl SALLY MEIER, part time Dietary Aide resumed her duties July 15 MARY LILLIE SMITH resumed her duties as Nurse Assistant July 18 GERTRUDE RAY returned as Head Nurse in Barnes OR PHYLLIS INGRAM, Nurse Assistant in Barnes, returned July 18 R. J. McCARTHY returned July 21 as a part time elevator operator in Barnes LUCILLE RILEY returned August 2 as a Nurse Assistant in Maternity MARY BAKER returned July 27 as a Nurse Assistant in Barnes KAY FRANCES POWELL, formerly known as Kay Perry, returned July 25 as a Senior Nurse Assistant in Maternity ALBERTA ROSS, formerly known as Alberta Weathersby, returned July 25 as a Nurse Assistant in Maternity LOIS SCOTT, formerly known as Lois Lee, returned July 28 as a Nurse Assistant in Barnes.

ADMINISTRATORS ATTEND CONVENTION

August 26 Dr. and Mrs. Frank R. Bradley will be leaving their summer home in Colorado to attend the annual convention of the American Hospital Association in San Francisco, California. Dr. Bradley is a past president of the organization. Leaving St. Louis August 27 also to attend the convention, are Mr. Harry E. Panhorst, Associate Director of Washington University Clinics, Mrs. Cornelia Knowles, Associate Director of McMillan and St. Louis Maternity Hospitals, Dr. C. O. Vermillion, Associate Director of Barnes, and Mrs. Vermillion.

SEASON ENDS FOR BASEBALL TEAM

The Barnes Hospital baseball team closed the 1960 softball season with a 13 to 4 loss to Wanda Bar, the league champions. The highlight of the game was a homerun hit by third baseman Walter Shatz, storeroom. The team surprised all qualified observers, who were willing to bet they would not win one game, by winning five out of twelve.

Taking all things into consideration, the team had a highly successful season. It is anticipated that with a season's experience to count on, next year's team will do much better.

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