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### OPERATION TORNADO

On November 7, Barnes and affiliated hospitals participated in a Civil Defense exercise which showed how a disaster situation produced, by a tornado might be handled by agencies involved in disaster relief operations. Barnes provided three first aid teams, each composed of a physician, a nurse, and an orderly, and was one of the three St. Louis hospitals which processed simulated casualties.

Basic assumptions for the exercise were that: (1) at 5:00 a. m. the Weather Bureau issued a severe weather warning, (2) at 7:30 a. m. the Weather Bureau reported a funnel seen just west of St. Clair, (3) at 8:10 a. m. the Weather Bureau issued a tornado alert for the St. Louis area based on a high funnel seen near Tyson Valley Park, and (4) at 8:30 a. m. the funnel of a tornado struck Kirkwood near Lindbergh and Adams Avenue. The tornado then traveled northeast through Glendale, Rock Hill, Brentwood, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Forest Park, vicinity of Delmar and Union, vicinity of Page and Kingshighway, vicinity of Natural Bridge and Newstead, and lifted and dissipated at 8:50 a. m. as it reached West Florissant at O'Fallon Park.

Basic assumption was that the path of the tornado was about one-half mile wide and the severity approximately uniform throughout its 12-mile path. Every effort

Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. CURTIS LEHMANN, on the recent death of their son. Mr. Lehmann works in Maintenance, and Mrs. Lehmann was formerly secretary for the Course in Hospital Administration..... BOB McELRATH, Personnel, has resigned effective November 29 to enter Southeast Missouri State College at Cape Girardeau. Bob and his wife, Wilma (also a former employee at Barnes), will be students together since they are both enrolled at

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was made to develop the situation in as realistic a manner as possible.

In line with the Barnes Hospital Intake Plan for disaster operations, simulated casualties were received at Renard Hospital for medical disposition. Patient transportation from Renard was furnished by employees from the Storeroom and Central Supply, coordinated by Dillon Trulove, Howard Hehner, and Orville Lambert.

Rescue operations in the field were complicated by a cold rain, which was not assumed but which would be likely following a tornado. The high school boys who acted as casualties, policemen who directed traffic, and other persons involved in the exercise, sought shelter from the rain which hampered the rescue teams. Intake operations in Renard proceeded rapidly, albeit gaily, with a large number of spectators.

St. Louis County and Homer G. Phillips Hospitals were the other two hospitals which participated in receiving simulated casualties.

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Breaking ground for the new Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation are Miss Irene Johnson and Mr. James Lee Johnson, Jr. They are grandchildren of the late Mrs. Irene Walter Johnson, principal donor of funds, and for whom the new institute is named. Looking on, from left, are: Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley, Washington University, Mr. James Lee Johnson, Sr., vice president of International Shoe Company, Dr. Oliver H. Lowry, dean of the School of Medicine, John C. Talbot, Assistant to the Chancellor, and Mr. Oscar Johnson.

#### THE GRAPEVINE

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"the Cape".....Best wishes to THERESA MONTIQUE, Barnes Operating Room, who became the bride of Mr. Grover Fitzpatrick on November 3.....ETHEL COLLINS, Medical Records, has recently become engaged to Mr. Louis J. West of East St. Louis. Mr. West is employed by the Nooter Corporation. The wedding is being planned for Wednesday night, November 27, at 8:00

p. m. in the Barnes Hospital Chapel with Chaplain Bowles officiating. The bride will be given away by her brother, Mr. Edwin M. Collins of East Tawas, Michigan. Mrs. Avis Livingston, hometown friend of the bride, will be Matron of Honor..... The medical records of Maternity Hospital, once a separate department, have been consolidated with the central Medical Records Department. The clerical work involved was tremendous; Medical Records personnel

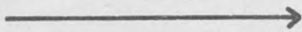
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## TEA FOR THE GRAY LADIES

A tea was given in honor of the Red Cross Gray Ladies on Sunday afternoon, November 10, in the Wohl Dining Room.....

*Serving the Gray Ladies are: Mrs. Eugene Frank (seated on left), Mrs. F. R. Bradley (standing), and Mrs. Richmond Coburn (seated on right).*



*Chaplain George Bowles expresses appreciation to a group of the Gray Ladies for their service to the hospital. Seated on the left is Mrs. Arthur H. Wallace, Chairman of the St. Louis volunteer service program.*





← Bishop Eugene Frank chats with a group of Gray Ladies who do volunteer work in Barnes at night. Mrs. Sills, second from left, is chairman of the night group.

In the center of a group of Gray Ladies are Mrs. Robert W. Otto (left), and Mrs. E. E. Pershall, wives of members of the Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees. →



← Taking a moment to discuss the serious side of the coming year's activities are (left to right): Mrs. Pfluger, Chairman of all Barnes Hospital Gray Ladies; Mrs. Sommers, Chairman of the Day Group; Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of Barnes; and Mrs. Sills, Chairman of the Night Group.

## PATIENT'S PET GRIPE

Did you ever wonder what complaint is registered by patients and their relatives more than any other? We lack an actual survey on the subject, but we would guess that it is largely their reaction to the four most commonly used words at Barnes Hospital: the phrase "May I help you". This is surprising, for this phrase, spoken correctly, shows a true desire to help people.

When you tell outsiders you work at Barnes Hospital, what is their first reaction? Too frequently isn't it that Barnes is "indifferent", "unfriendly", or words to that effect? That has been our experience--and the reason for it is that too many of us, under the pressure of our duties, consider the stranger in our midst as an interruption. We often say: "May I help you" in a business-like, perhaps even stern, manner, leaving the impression that we will assist them but begrudge them the lost time.

We should not forget that the public's reaction to Barnes Hospital is not a reaction to the building itself. The imposing structure is only a shell that houses the hospital, for the hospital is the people who work here. The hospital is the skilled hand of a surgeon, the gentleness of a nurse, the thoughtfulness of an aide, the smiling assistance of a clerk. In short, the hospital is the helpful services which are rendered by each of us in his own way.

With the strangers who pass, let us forget for a moment the pressures we are under. Let us say: "May I help you?" with a rising inflection and a friendly smile, and wholeheartedly devote to them the few necessary moments. If we do, we won't be smiling just with our lips--the smile will show in our eyes and be heard in our voices. Only then will Barnes Hospital be

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by  
George Bowles



### The First

### THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"To all ye Pilgrims: Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year of abundant harvest, of Indian corn, wheat, peas, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound in games and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom of worship of God according to the dictate of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day-time, on Thursday, November ye 29th., of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings,

William Bradford,  
Ye Governor of ye Colony"

Though we are not accustomed to the Old English form of expression, we know that the spirit of this early document is a part of our rich American heritage.

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known to all for its sincere helpfulness, and be remembered with a kindly warmth.



Pictured above are Nurse Assistants who completed the In-Service Training Program in October. Front row: (Left to Right) Juanita Grimes, Geraldine Gray, and Annie Lee. Back row: (Left to Right) Frankie Mitchell, Sylvia Ward, Deloice Griffin, and Jeanette Amlette. Two other members of the class, Laurine Stimage and Louise Jackson, were not present for the photograph.

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who completed the task are to be commended.....Best wishes to BARBARA DEES, Drug Store, who became Mrs. Ewing Abram on October 19. Barbara was ill with influenza on her wedding day, but the ceremony was not postponed since the groom, on active duty with the U. S. Army, was due in Aberdeen, Maryland, four days later.... GLENDA BOUCHARD, Payroll, and her husband, Pat, both managed to become poison ivy victims while cleaning up the backyard of their new home in Baldwin. Incidentally, did you ever go in a store and make a guess at how many beans were in a jar and wonder who actually counted them? Wonder no longer: Glenda is the girl who does it when her husband uses the game in his sales promotions.....ANNETTE INEZ

WHITFIELD, R. N., recently became Mrs. Owen Ruffin. The groom is not a stranger to Barnes since he was formerly an employee here.....Congratulations to ELIZABETH BETHAL, GWEN MARSHALL, GERALDINE NICHELS, GLORIA FOGG, and BETTY SCOTT, all of whom have recently received promotions in the Dietary Department..... Billy Jordan, 1116 Etzel Terrace, has offered to draw cartoons and fill-in sketches for the Record. The sketches he has presented are clever and humorous, and we hope to use them from time to time as space permits.....Pearl of the Month: "The hardest thing about learning to skate is the ice, when you come right down to it" .....FLORENCE DARATSKY, Medical Records, was recently promoted from clerk-typist to dictaphone operator.....Best wishes to

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## NEW POSITION CREATED IN BARNES CREDIT

Upon recommendation by Miss Betty B. Collins, Credit Manager, a new position has been created in the Barnes Credit Office. Miss Collins stated that the work load in this department has increased to the point where overall supervision and coordination is needed for proper efficiency. Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director, and Dr. C. O. Vermillion, Associate Director, agreed that the position of Chief Credit Officer should be created.

Mr. John Keppel, Head Cashier, was offered this new position of Chief Credit Officer, and accepted it effective December 1, 1957. This follows the hospital policy of promotions from within the hospital when possible. Mr. Keppel will continue to retain supervision of the Cashier's Office to correlate procedures between the two departments.

Mr. Keppel is well qualified for the new position, as he has had a long and varied experience in Barnes Hospital accounting procedures. He originally came to Barnes in 1946 for a training period as a junior accountant under the G. I. Bill, during which time he rotated through the various accounting offices. After completion of his training he was offered a position with the hospital, which he accepted.

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PATRICIA M. PURSEY, R. N., who recently became the bride of Mr. John William O'Brien. The formal ceremony was performed at St. Roch Church on Waterman Avenue, after which the young couple honeymooned in Chicago. Mr. O'Brien is an accountant with Emerson Electric Company.....H. E. PANHORST, Associate Director, organized a deer hunt during the recent open season. Ten persons from the hospital joined the hunt, which netted a doe and a 4-point buck.....HARRIET ICHMALL, R. N., MARGARET YOUNG, R. N., DOROTHY

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*(The following letter from Dr. Kenneth M. Calhoun is so nice we would like to share it with you rather than extracting the items for "The Grapevine". Dr. Calhoun was on the Ob/Gyn House Staff 1951-54, and is presently in practice at 513 East Grove Street, Bloomington, Illinois.)*

Dear Editor:

Thanks for sending us the Record. For your news: Mrs. Esther Wright Geitner, R. N., W. U. School of Nursing Class of 1954, received her bachelor's degree from Eureka College in June, 1957. I delivered her a beautiful baby girl on August 8, 1957, at Brokaw Hospital here. She now resides in Paris, Illinois, where her husband, Charles, teaches school.

Miss Zatha Bruns, R. R. L., formerly of the Medical Records Department at Barnes is now Head Record Librarian at Mennonite Hospital here.

Norma Lee Sleight, R. N., W. U. School of Nursing Class of 1953, is in the Recovery Room at Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Your Hospital Record is always very fascinating to read, and is passed around to Barnes "Alumni" in this locale.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth M. Calhoun MD*  
Kenneth M. Calhoun, M. D.

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BECKER, and OPAL MAE ROGERS have all been recently transferred to the Tumor Clinic.....BILLY POOLE, Mail Room, has enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves, and will be leaving about January 3 for six months of active duty.....JOANN HEDIGER, R. N., was recently promoted to Instructor in the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing. She was formerly in the Delivery Room at Maternity. Congratulations!





*Volunteers in the Women's Auxiliary of the Washington University Clinics enjoy a tea given in their honor on November 6 in the Wohl Dining Room. The event was sponsored by Clinics administration as a token of esteem and appreciation for the many hours of helpful service provided by the ladies through the Women's Auxiliary.*

#### BLUE CROSS CHANGES TO BE NOTED

Effective January 1, 1958, Blue Cross is inaugurating a new method for handling sponsored memberships. Instead of making the change to a sponsored membership at the time a dependent reaches the age of 19, unmarried children will remain as dependents on parent's membership until the end of the calendar year in which the child attains age 19.

In December of the year in which a child reaches 19, the parents should obtain from the Personnel Office (or Blue Cross) the necessary form to apply for the child's

sponsored membership. The service date to be assigned will be the service day of the parent's membership occurring in January.

Another change in Blue Cross regulations which will be helpful next year is that groups are now entitled to the privilege of two enrollment periods each year. Enrollment periods for the Barnes group will be 60 days prior to May 1, and 60 days prior to November 1. During these periods all new applications, as well as membership changes, can be accepted immediately. This new procedure does not alter our right to submit new applications in quantities of ten or more.



LEOLA ANN FREY, R. N., returned October 21 as Assistant Head Nurse in the Barnes Operating Rooms.....Part-time R. N.'s who have recently returned include LAURA L. DAUGHERTY, PATRICIA RUTERBORIES, and BARBARA ALLEN.....MILDRED TAYLOR, who formerly worked in McMillan

Admitting, returned on October 29 as Librarian in the School of Nursing..... PATRICIA RAINING, R. N., who occasionally worked on a part-time basis while attending school, accepted a full-time position as Assistant Head Nurse on October 14.....CECILIA JANE BARNARD, who resigned effective Aug. 1 to attend school has returned as a part-time secretary in Maternity Admitting.....EUGENE HAMMONS, Laboratory Technician who resigned September 9 for a hospital position in Lawrenceville, Illinois, returned to Barnes on October 22.....RUTH ANN HOLMES, R. N., who left last year because of a prolonged illness, returned to full-time duty on November 4.....CAROLYN ROSE HELMKE, Medical Records Dictaphone Operator, returned to her former job on November 4.  
*Welcome Back!*

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