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ROXBURY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OPENS

A four year dream — and drive — by the people of Roxbury-North Dorchester to develop a greatly needed family health services facility in their home area became reality on the afternoon of June 23 with the official opening of the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, (RCCHC). Our Medical Center provides the medical services for the new Center.

The RCCHC is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, and is the first in the country in which community residents have participated actively in every phase of the Center's development. They will continue to do so in its daily operation.

The opening was held at Washington Park Mall, Roxbury, which will serve as the center for dispensing medical services until a permanent RCCHC facility is constructed within the next two years. The bright and attractive mall facility was made available through a merger with the Children's Bureau which provides maternal and infant care there, while a program of internal medicine for the whole family is provided by the Medical Center.

The permanent site for the new fa-

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Above, Dr. Bernard Bandler beams down at three of his hostesses for the June 19th farewell party in his honor. Left to right: Mrs. Louise Saluti, Secretary to Dr. Peter Knapp; Kimberly Irwin, Secretary to Dr. Louis Vachon; and Carol Welch of Research. Dr. Knapp is at Dr. Bandler's side.

DR. BANDLER HONORED

Two parties paid tribute to Dr. Bernard Bandler, distinguished retiring head of the Medical Center's Division of Psychiatry, in the last weeks of his active association with the Center.

After a holiday in Europe with Mrs. Bandler, he returns to this country and (Continued on page 3)
The Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center is unique because it was organized by the people it serves. The community has long been aware of the lack of adequate health services. This is a strong beginning toward providing complete health services for the Roxbury community.”

The health services are family-oriented and eventually will provide:

- Personal medical care for all members of the family.
- Preventive health services including periodic health examinations, immunizations, health and nutrition education.
- Basic diagnostic and X-ray procedures.
- Hospitalization with provisions for followup care by the Center.
- Organized medical and nursing care in the home.
- Rehabilitation services including physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy.

The idea for a community health center in the Roxbury area was born in 1966 when a group of neighborhood residents, after surveying existing health services, felt that family medical needs were not being adequately met.

A Roxbury Health Service Committee was established that year by the Roxbury Community Council, a Red Feather agency, and consisted of 47 community representatives. The committee was structured to consider the problem of health services in general in the Roxbury area, and how to improve them.

In 1967, the committee learned that OEO had $5 million available for demonstration community health centers around the country.

Soon after, plans for the center were drawn up by the health services committee, which took them to Washington for approval.

The plan was approved under OEO guidelines, and the Boston University Medical Center was chosen by the Committee to provide the medical services available at the RCCHC.

Working with community residents to make the RCCHC a reality was the Boston Health Department, the Children's Bureau, OEO and the Boston University Medical Center.

Several social service organizations, including ABCD's Area Planning Council (APAC), were also instrumental in the development of the RCCHC.

Dr. David M. French listens to a question posed by the press during the opening formalities for the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center. Dr. French is project director of the RCCHC. An M.D. and an M.P.H., Dr. French is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine of our Boston University School of Medicine.
IT WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR BOWLING

The 1969-1970 season of the University Hospital Bowling Club was a winner, from September right through April, with a companionable group extending the fun from bowling to an Awards banquet and a fishing trip.

About 40 men and women met each Wednesday at the George Sherman Union bowling alleys on the main Boston University campus, often going on for dinner together after the workout. Under the leadership of Elaine R. Podradchik, President, Karen Turino, Treasurer and Carol Lord, Secretary, the club obtained 8 sponsors from among hospital suppliers, for the most part, who provided shirts and trophies. The tab for Wednesdays was low: $2. per person covered the evening’s bowling with $1. of the $2. set aside for the wind-up banquet.

Trophies awarded at the Banquet, held at the Marador in Framingham, went to: Paul Pasztor, High Average, Male; Martha Pressy, High Average, Female; Steve Blumberg, High Three, Male; Elaine Bernier, High Three, Female; Toby Tighe, High Single, Male; Bonnie Stromgren, High Single, Female; Elaine Podradchik, High Single, Female; and to the 1st Place Team, James Towhill Co., Bill Butler, Paul DeRosa, Pat Tobin, Kathy (Gannon) Hudson.

About 25 of the bowling club members turned out for a fishing trip off Plymouth on a Saturday in June, catching plenty of cod and mackerel.

DR. BANDLER (continued)

a post in Chevy Chase, Maryland, as Chief of the Psychiatry Training Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health. He will also carry the titles of Associate Director, Division of Manpower and Training, and Visiting Scientist with the NIH.

Glimpsed in these pages are scenes from the May 21st Parker House reception held for him, and the June 19th Division Dinner in his honor on the 14th floor of the Instructional Building. On the former occasion, Jerome Preston, Medical Center trustee, received the following telegram from United States Senator Edward W. Brooke: “Would you convey my warmest congratulations to Dr. Bernard Bandler on the occasion of his quarter century of service to Boston University’s School of Medicine. Dr. Bandler’s contributions to the field of psychiatry are indeed deserving of this recognition by his colleagues. Please extend to him my sincere best wishes for his continued success and good health.”

At the June 19th party Dr. Bandler received a priceless expression of the esteem of his coworkers in the Division of Psychiatry. Dr. Peter Knapp, who is now Acting Division Chairman until the September arrival of the new Psychiatrist-in-Chief, presented to Dr. Bandler an exquisite porcelain figure of a mounted warrior, a 14th century Chinese piece from the Ming Dynasty. The inscription reads: “1947-1970. To Bernie: A great warrior from his comrades.”

BUMC PARKING

On July 1 of this year it became necessary to increase the parking rates in the Medical Center lots.

A memo from Herbert Klein announcing the new schedule and the need for it made it clear that the step was taken only after “long deliberation and careful consideration.” He reminded Medical Center personnel, that “as you most likely know, for the past few years the BUMC has been operating its parking lots at a loss. This deficit has been steadily rising and now has become so staggering that it is impossible for the Center to absorb it.”

The positive aspects of the increased rates are already becoming apparent at the same time that the first strong reaction against the new charges has given way to a general acceptance. It is now possible to execute much needed repairs on the old lots and negotiations are nearly complete for a large new lot on East Dedham Street. The “A” lot has been regraded to eliminate water pockets. The upper part of this lot (the old “B” lot) has been paved which has done away with chuck holes and put the entire parking area in better shape.

The new lot now being acquired will require a considerable expenditure by the Medical Center to make it useable; this facility would not have been possible without the increased rates which now distribute the costs more equitably.

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Contributors to this issue: Paul Spratt, Bonnie Stromgren, Elaine Podradchik, Mary Laspada, Lee Houseman, Mrs. Marguerite Shaw, Dr. Peter Knapp.
University Hospital personnel were participants in a recent faculty training workshop in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, held recently for physicians and training nurses at Boston City Hospital.

Drs. Edward Learner and H. Emerson Thomas with Joan Hindson, R.N., a clinical specialist, Lorraine Shiff, R.N., who heads the U.H. recovery room nursing staff, and Dr. Kailash Suri, D.M.D. joined a group of 40 in the program which was sponsored by the Greater Boston Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Association. Lectures, demonstrations and group discussions provided up-dated information on revival and care procedures for heart attack victims for the workshop members who will relay the information to their own nursing students and hospital staff.

Dr. Thomas led a group discussion with Joan Hindson on "Organization and Functions of a CPR Committee," and Dr. Learner spoke on "Defibrillation: Techniques and Problems."

Dr. Morris P. Ruben, Assistant Dean and Professor of Stomatology at the Medical Center, has been elected to Fellowship in the International College of Dentists. He will be installed in November.

The College is an honorary organization for achievement in academic and community dentistry.

Dr. Ruben, who has also been elected to membership in the Boston University Chapter of Sigma Xi, an honorary society for research in science, has recently presented courses in Periodontics in both Medellin and Bogota, Colombia; in Venezuela; and in this country at the Miami Beach Dental Society and Howard University.

Dr. Paul Courant, who joined the School as Assistant Professor in 1967, has been named Associate Professor of Periodontology of the School.

Paul Spratt of Nursing has brought a poet front and center. Mrs. Mary Collins, an R.N. in the Robinson 2 Nursing Office of the Hospital, was "published" in the Boston Globe for July 13, 1970, with the following nostalgic verse:

How pleasant 'tis to plow this pasture hill,
Your Bruce in double harness with my Bill;
How smoothly sways the whippletree
See how they go,
With slightest play of bit and rein —
Gee! Haw! and Whoa!
The swallow's twitter and the robin's song,
Will join our rhythm as we go along,
As the sun tiptoes up this pretty sight to see,
Beneath the budding apple tree we'll rest for tea,
The bracing tea, the rained scone, the piquant cheese
Whoever tasted cookies quite like these,
Jewelled with candied fruit and native caraway?
The fragrant home-made bread, the green-sward for our tray.
Hark! wheels rumble on the bridge, a horse trots near,
Our neighbor comes from town — the latest news we'll hear.
Let's smoke our pipes and talk, as horses drink and browse;
Then, on our broad acres, again take up the plow.

MARY B. COLLINS

Roslindale

Interviewed on the telephone, Mrs. Collins told us that she writes "a lot of poetry, mostly for the fun of it." "Plowing Long Ago" bore another title when she submitted it to the Globe; she called it "An Anti-hypertension Poem" — which it certainly is! The horses are real. Mrs. Collins was born and brought up in Nova Scotia, in "a small place near Sydney."

Dr. Gerald Walter Wohberg, center, receives a handclasp and a certificate from Dr. Peter Knapp, Acting Psychiatrist-In-Chief, as a graduate of the two-year program for doctors who have completed three years of psychiatric residency. The program is known as Research Training for Psychiatry and Dr. Wohberg has been studying the arousal processes of schizophrenia. At left is Dr. Seymour Fisher who directs the program.

Dr. John Richardson has received a Dental Teacher Training Fellowship from the American Fund for Dental Education for the second time this year. During the 1969-70 academic year he studied here with Dr. Karoly Balogh of Pathology. This coming year he will be specializing in oral pathology at the School of Graduate Dentistry.