

Paul Detrick Of Christian Hospital To Retire

North County

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Paul F. Detrick, the longtime head of the Christian Hospital system who organized the hospital's move to north St. Louis County, will retire Dec. 31.

Detrick is stepping down from the office of president and chief executive officer of Christian Health Services Development Corp., which is the parent corporation for Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest and four other health care companies that Detrick began in the last 16 years.

Fred L. Brown will succeed Detrick. Brown took over from Detrick as president and chief executive officer of the hospital 3½ years ago. Brown will also become president and chief executive officer of two

other subsidiaries — Village North Inc. and Christian Health Care Systems. Detrick now heads both.

Christian Health Care Systems is a commercial business, but the parent company and its other subsidiaries are non-profit corporations, hospital officials say.

Ronald L. Milligan will be the president and chief executive officer of the two remaining subsidiaries — CH Allied Services Inc. and Christian Health Services Properties Foundation. Milligan has been associated with the hospitals for 14 years. He is vice president of finance and treasurer of the parent company. On Jan. 1 he will become senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Detrick joined Christian Hospital of St. Louis in 1960 as administrator. In 1964 he began investigating the possibility of building a hospital in North County.

In 1968, Detrick had Christian Hospital-Northwest built at 1225 Graham

Road. The hospital was the first in its area. The facility now has 253 beds.

Christian Hospital-Northwest and Christian Hospital of St. Louis shared some services for a while.

In 1973, Christian Hospital at 4111 North Newstead Avenue was sold to the St. Louis Christian Medical Center. That organization was liquidated in 1979.

In 1975, Detrick built and opened the Northeast Division at 11133 Dunn Road. The Northeast Division has 475 beds. The two divisions are considered one hospital — Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest. With 60,000 visits a year its emergency rooms are among the busiest in the state.

In 1982, Detrick opened Village North, a retirement community off Dunn Road a half-mile west of the Northeast Division. The facility offers independent living and nursing home care to 311 people.

His colleagues say Detrick was a pioneer in applying business-style

management to hospitals and in marketing hospital services and management to other hospitals.

Under his direction, the hospitals evolved into six companies, which employ 3,259 people in Missouri and Illinois. Of that number 2,733 work in North County.

He was 62 in September.

Other promotions and appointments that among the results of Detrick's retirement are:

Robert W. Springmeier, vice president of risk management and governmental affairs for the hospital, will be vice president of risk management and governmental affairs for the parent company and all its subsidiaries.

Donald J. Backer, vice president of human resources for the hospital, will be vice president of human resources for the parent company and all its subsidiaries.

Dorothy M. Espenschied, director of Village North, will be vice president and chief operating officer of

Village North.

W.R. Van Bokkelen, the administrator of the Northeast Division, will be executive vice president of Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest and chief operating officer of the Northeast and Northwest Division. He remains administrator of the Northeast Division.

Dr. John A. Headrick, vice president medical affairs for Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest, will be executive vice president medical affairs.

John P. Ambroseccchia, administrator of the Northwest Division, will be vice president administration Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest. He remains administrator of the Northwest Division.

Philip D. Bagby, treasurer of Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest, will be vice president finance Christian Hospital Northeast-Northwest.

All promotions take effect Jan. 1.



Fred L. Brown
Parent firm's new president



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Jo Ann and Paul Kapp stand in front of their home on Kohler Lane. The Kapps want the street renamed after themselves

Street Name A Feather In Family's Kapp



Harry Levins

What sort of people get streets named after them? People like Charles Lindbergh, James McDonnell, John J. Pershing and Paul H. Kapp.

Paul H. who?

Paul H. Kapp of 10908 Kohler Lane, in the Concord Village area of south St. Louis County. If Kapp gets his way with the County Council, he'll soon be living at 10908 Kapp Lane.

Why, you might ask, does Kapp deserve this honor?

Is he a civic mover and shaker? No. He splices cables for Union Electric.

Is he rich? Only in family — his wife, Jo Ann, and children Debbie, Mike, Tim and Sue.

Is he vain? I don't think so. How vain can you be when you're 44, going bald and not so trim as you once were?

But Kapp differs from you and me in two big ways.

First, he's a dreamer who wants to see his name abide on something bigger than a tombstone.

And second, he really deserves to have his street named after him.

To begin with, Kapp has precedent on his side. Kohler Lane was named for (or by) the Kohler family, which built Kapp's seven-room farmhouse in 1913.

But in the 1950s, the Kohlers started selling out to developers. The Kohlers recently sold the last of what was once 23 acres of vegetable farm.

Now, the Kapp family lives alone on Kohler Lane. Don't the people who hold the fort deserve to name it?

More important, while you and I pay taxes to maintain our streets, Kapp goes out and *does* it. He has to. He bought the road along with

Kapp says with a grin, "I'm the superintendent of streets." (His son Mike mutters, "Yeah — and I'm the work crew.")

In the winter, Mike and Tim crank up the family's ancient tractor and plow snow from the gravel surface of Kohler Lane.

In the summer, they crank up the tractor and level the hump that develops in the center of the one-lane road.

And three years ago, Kapp shelled out cash to have 62 tons of gravel laid on all 750 feet of Kohler Lane, from Baptist Church Road to his house.

The Kapps live with other complications. They walk 750 feet to the mailbox. The kids trudge 750 feet to the school bus. And Kapp has to lug his trash to an understanding neighbor in one of the surrounding subdivisions.

Is it worth it?

Well, how would you like to live on a hill in a real farmhouse that sits five minutes from Crestwood Plaza and 20 minutes from downtown?

How about a two-story barn for storage? How about a garden that covers a third of an acre? How about songbirds and big trees and a woodpile outside the kitchen door?

Eat your heart out, Norman Rockwell.

The senior Kapps arrived at their rural retreat by an odd route — childhood in south St. Louis and early married years in a South County subdivision.

There, Kapp grew restless. "I didn't want to look out the back window and see somebody else looking out the back window," he says. In 1976, he and his wife found the farmhouse of their dreams.

Can you blame them for wanting to name their dreams for themselves?

By the way, Jo Ann Kapp may live in isolation, but she displays a keen sense of community responsibility.

"Whenever one of the charities calls up," she says, "I always volunteer to go door to door on my block."

Headquarters Rising For 'Wings Of Hope'

St. Louis County

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To say that Wings Of Hope Inc. is soaring over plans to construct its new international headquarters at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield is to put it mildly.

"We are jubilant — it's a dream come true," said Bill Edwards, executive vice president and one of the founders of Wings of Hope, an organization that flies mercy missions throughout the world.

Officials of the charitable organization, which is based in St. Louis, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony earlier this month at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport to make way for construction of a \$300,000 hangar. The 9,600-square-foot hangar will include offices, shops, meeting rooms and storage areas.

The hangar is expected to be completed sometime this winter.

Meanwhile, the group is leasing a 1.4-acre hangar site at the airport for \$5,000 a year.

"We have never owned our own hangar," Edwards said. "We have always been a tenant. It was like living out of a trunk of a car."

Before moving to Spirit, Wings of Hope rented space at St. Louis Down-

town Parks Airport in Cahokia, Ill.

Wings of Hope was founded in 1962 and incorporated in 1967. It provides air transportation and radio communication to remote outposts, settlements that takes days to reach by foot or boat, where an airplane can make the difference between life and death.

"We transport thousands of people from one place to another," Edwards said. "We also transport medicine, food and educational materials."

The operation has helped to provide 70 aircraft in North America, South and Central America, Africa and Australia. The charity serves as an aviation consultant and wholesale purchasing agent for any established humanitarian organization that seeks the service.

"Most of our maintenance work is done by volunteers from General Dynamics, graduates and students of Parks College in Cahokia, McDonnell Douglas and members of the aviation community," Edwards said.

All its services are free. The group operates on an annual budget of \$1.25 million and is financed entirely by private contributions.

If a humanitarian group wants to buy a plane, hire a pilot, overhaul an engine, construct a jungle refueling base or find affordable insurance, Wings of Hope will help.

City Requesting Barrier To Block I-170's Noise

Hazelwood

Hazelwood city officials are asking the Missouri Department of Highways and Transportation to build a barrier wall to reduce the level of traffic noise from Interstate 170 in the Granada Condominiums.

The Granada Condominiums are south of Interstate 270 and west of Hanley Road. I-170 is directly to the southwest of the condominiums on Santa Bella Drive. All that separate parts of the complex from I-170 are a hill and a chain-link fence.

According to City Manager Ed Carlstrom, the Highway Department had originally planned to build a barrier wall along the back of the condominiums but decided not to in 1977.

Last week at its regular meeting, the City Council instructed City Attorney Lou Czech to send a letter to the state appealing the 1977 decision and asking for a hearing on the matter.

Czech said a letter containing the appeal would be sent to the depart-

ment along with an independent sound study taken at the site, residents' letters and the results of a survey done by Hazelwood of the residents.

In November the city surveyed residents of Santa Bella Drive. One-hundred percent of the residents said the noise from I-170 interferes with their lives. The residents filed detailed complaints with Hazelwood. Hazelwood also had an independent sound survey done by Environmental Science and Engineering Inc. of Maryland Heights in June.

The study was taken outside of the windows of one of the condominiums on Santa Bella Drive adjacent to I-170. The range was 74.1 to 75.5 decibels. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for acceptable noise levels state that anything between 65 and 75 decibels normally is not acceptable. Anything above 75 is not acceptable.

Carlstrom noted that airports buy out areas where the noise level exceeds 75 decibels.

Mayor Fills Rosters Of Committees

Maryland Heights

Mayor Edwin L. Dirck Jr. of Maryland Heights has appointed members of the City Council to several committees to oversee various aspects of the municipality.

The council members generally will be expected to study matters and recommend policies and programs to the whole City Council. The committee appointments Dirck made at a meeting Thursday were:

Finance: Chairman John K. Pellet, members Jerry C. Cruise, Jerry Eise and Council Treasurer Gary C. Hawkins as ex-officio member.

The committee is to consider and make recommendations on financial policies, long-range financial planning, financial reports and insurance programs.

Public Improvements: Chairman Jerry Eise, members Pellet and Mike Cool.

Public Safety and Health: Chairman Cool, members Jim Pavelec and Judith H. Barnett.

Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation: Chairman Barnett, members Marvin Goldfarb and Pavelec.

Community and Public Relations: Chairman Goldfarb, members Cruise and Hawkins.

Parks and Recreation: Chairman Pavelec, members Hawkins and Pellet.



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Money Loops
The decorative loops that hang from the ceiling of this science classroom at Parkway South High School represent donations made to the 100 Neediest Cases campaign as a result of efforts by students at the school.

Day-Care Proposal Withdrawn

Hazelwood

The Jamestown Investment Co. has withdrawn a request before the Hazelwood City Council for permission to build a day-care center at 7410 Howdershell Road.

The company had sought a special-use permit to build the center.

The firm is still seeking to have the 2.968-acre site rezoned to permit multifamily residential development. The property is zoned for single-family residences. Jamestown wants to build three buildings containing 30 two-bedroom apartments at the site.

Don Wallace, the developer, said the company was withdrawing the request for the day-care center because of concerns of area residents.

The issue arose at a meeting of the Hazelwood City Council last week.

More than 20 residents of the Tahoe subdivision, which borders the property, attended the meeting. They indicated they opposed the day-care center and the rezoning for an apartment complex. The Tahoe subdivision is in Florissant. Councilman Thomas Schneider of Florissant's Ward 3 represents the subdivision and also attended the meeting.

Neither Schneider nor the residents addressed the Hazelwood City Council because the council sent the matter to the Hazelwood Planning and Zoning Commission for further consideration.