CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON BUILDING ADDITION.

Have you been wondering about the construction work taking place off the east corridor of Barnes Hospital? The Board of Trustees approved the construction of a three-floor building (ground floor and first and second floors), and plans include additional space for the Maintenance Department on the ground floor, and a classroom, public restrooms, and the Personnel Office on the first floor. The space left vacant by the present Personnel Office will be used in the enlargement of the Drug Store.

According to plans which are only tentative, the present chapel will be moved to a temporary location on the second floor of the new building to provide space for a much-needed recovery room adjoining the operating rooms.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS VISITS BARNES

There was some excitement in the department Wednesday December 8, when it was visited by a representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and a Post Dispatch Cameraman. Furniture was moved around and two of our polio patients put on their best smiles in order to please our guests. The pictures are to show aspects of research in the treatment of poliomyelitis and will be published in connection with the March of Dimes campaign.

ANESTHESIA STUDENTS GRADUATE DECEMBER 31

The School of Anesthesia boasts a new class of graduates for December 31, 1948. These women are graduate nurses who have finished a year's course in the technique of administering anesthetics.

Their names are as follows:
Jo Pansy Thompson Doris Hall
C. Nell Taylor Elizabeth Duffy
Clara M. Baird Inez Varner
Willie D. Fountain

MISS LUCILLE STUART SPALDING, Superintendent of Nurses was born in St. Louis on October 12. Miss Spalding was one of a family of five. She has one sister and three brothers and was the proverbial tomboy. She attended the public school here in St Louis until her first year high when she transferred to Lindewood College. She entered the liberal arts program at Washington University but left after two years to go into private kindergarten work. While doing this type of work she made the decision which set her foot on the path of nursing. During the memorable cyclone that hit St. Louis Miss Spalding was supervising the transportation of her charges when she was injured and had to be hospitalized. Upon her recovery she entered Washington University School of Nursing and after graduation went to work in St. Louis Maternity Hospital where she quickly rose from staff nurse through head nurse and supervisor to superintendent. Miss Spalding left Maternity in 1938 and went to Western Reserve in Cleveland to take a

MISS ANN GESTRICH, Pharmacist, has had her first essay in sculpture accepted for exhibition in the Eighth Annual Missouri Exhibition at the City Art Museum. "Prayer", Ann's sculpture, is a head of a young girl in an attitude of simple entreaty to God. It was cut from a cylinder made of a mixture of plaster and white cement and finished in ivory enamel. Ann has had no formal training in art. Her first painting, a water color, called "Shades of Autumn" not only was accepted for the 1946 Missouri Exhibition but received an honorable mention.

Miss Gestrich told Post Dispatch reporters, "It took me three months to finish, working every evening and Sundays. The background was a mess when I chiseled away, and Mother spoke to me about it several times. But she's proud now".

Miss Gestrich was born in St. Louis of German-speaking Hungarian-born parents. She attended Oregon grade school, Normandy High and was graduated third in her class of 18 from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

KNOW YOUR STAFF by Betty Walsh

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE TO BE HELD IN HOSPITAL

REVEREND WAHL will conduct our annual Christmas service in the lobby at 3:30 on December 24th. Employees who are able to leave their unit are welcome to gather around the Christmas tree in the lobby and join in singing Christmas carols. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will be the principal speaker at the services. Reverend William Meyers of Ferguson will lead the singing of carols. Dr. B. L. Schugel and Dr. Tucker will also help in spreading Christmas good will. This is the second Christmas Service that Barnes has conducted. Last year it was appreciated by so many that it was planned for a regular annual event.

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**ANESTHESIA**
Dorian Scott

The annual Xmas Party for the entire third floor Operating Rooms, including all Surgery and Anesthesia personnel, will be held Wednesday afternoon, December 22nd, in one of the available operating rooms. Santa Claus, plus Xmas presents, plus a big Xmas tree, plus refreshments, will be the order of the day.

**BARBER SHOP**
Harvey Robertson

Have you noticed the admiring bystanders outside the Barber Shop and Beauty Shop? They are commenting on the beautiful Christmas scenes that ORANGE FOSTER, Barber Shop Porter, painted on the window.

**BEAUTY SHOP**
Kathy Eaton

During Christmas week JO GARNER and KATHY EATON, beauticians, will wish their customers a Merry Christmas by serving refreshments.

**CHEST SERVICE**
Joyce Cooper

A surprise bridal shower was held for BETTY ZIMMER on Friday, December 3rd. Approximately thirty people were present. Moving pictures were shown, refreshments were served, and many beautiful gifts were received for Betty's future.

**CREDIT**
Florence Cherikoff

Who is this "Crickett" that the attractive blond in the Credit Office glows with pride about? Bird? Man? Superman? No, her horse!

**HOUSEKEEPING**
Lee Smith

The Housekeeping Department specialized in birthdays this month. Mrs. CARRIE RUSHING, Housekeeper, had a birthday December 14th. A surprise birthday party caught VIOLA FISHER, and CATHERINE HAMILTON unawares. The Maid Division sponsored the party.

**LABORATORY**
Ann Pannell

Two of the Laboratory personnel are enjoying the Christmas holidays with their families. ELIZABETH PAGE, Administrative Assistant, is in Dublin, Georgia, and JANICE TAYLOR, Clinical Mic. Technician, traveled northward to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Lab looks very festive with all its decorated windows. We wish to extend our welcome to anyone who would like to see them.

**LABORATORY**
The Lab Tech. students have been invited to a party on the 21st that is being given by MISS OSWALD AND MRS. KARIN LETTERMAN.

**LAUNDRY**
Mr. JULIUS KRASNER, Department Head is supervising laundry activities as a patient in room 2109, Hope to see him up and about soon.

**MCMILLAN HOSPITAL**
Methodann Rogers

Our deepest apologies to McMillan Hospital for not including some of their important news in the last issue due to lack of space.

Late congratulations to the new papa and mama DR. AND MRS. ROBERT K ROYCE on the birth of a baby girl November 7th.

**MATERNITY HOSPITAL**
Martha Pierce

Did you know that we have a radio celebrity in our midst? While in Chicago last October, Mrs. BECKWITH, Nursing Supervisor, appeared on the WELCOME TRAVELER program where she won several beautiful gifts, including a silver fox fur and a gymnasium outfit which was to be presented to St. Ann's Orphanage in Hartford, Conn. in her name. From Chicago, Mrs. Beckwith went to California where she spent several weeks. On Saturday, December 4th, Mr. and Mrs. John GOVIN became the parents of an adorable 7 lb. 9 oz. baby boy. Mrs. Govin is the former Maternity Teaching Supervisor. Both mother and baby are doing nicely. Miss PAT HYNES, Maternity Credit, has a sparkle in her eye that matches the sparkle on the third finger of her left hand. Best Wishes, Pat.

**MATERNITY HOSPITAL**

Also has an artistic Christmas display. The nursery windows were painted by CAROL LARSEN, head nurse. Mighty beautiful, too.

**NURSING**
Mary Sullivan

Wedding bells chime with Christmas bells for three nurses. The holiday season brings bride to be are MARY SAWTELL, MARY JEAN HEYSELL, and VERA HILTI.

"HARMET MEYLER has displayed her artistic talent on the windows of 3400. Many people have remarked on her beauty. The HOSPITAL RECORD hopes all these talented people that are employed at Barnes will offer their suggestions for a more artistic publication.

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Margaret Borth

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**POEM**

We in Physical Therapy Bring this wish sincere, That your Christmas oh, so merry be, And your New Year packed with cheer.

**RECORD ROOM**
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