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**GEORGE BLETTNER RETIRES**

MR. GEORGE BLETTNER, former employee in the Accounting Department, retired from his hospital duties Dec. 31, 1948. He will be remembered by many as the man with the friendly greeting in the morning on his trips through the hospital.

He was born Nov. 11, 1872. His school days were spent in Chicago and for many years he was in business there. Before coming to Barnes he was employed at the Northside Y.M.C.A. He started in Barnes Accounting in 1934.

Mr. Blettner was married in 1905 to Miss Pauline Meyer, a St. Louis School Teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Blettner have two children, and one grand-child.

Working is his hobby, but since his retirement he has made plans to move to his son's farm in Florissant, Missouri. When country life lacks in activity, he plans to return on visits to the hospital for excitement.

Mr. Blettner left the following message for publication to the hospital staff:

"It is with sincere regret that I bid farewell to my co-workers—my many friends. My fifteen years with Barnes Hospital represents a period of pleasant relationships and a span of enjoyable service. It's difficult for me to say how deeply I have appreciated the many kindnesses accorded me. Always shall I cherish the memory of your beautiful Christmas party—the nice thing you could have done for me. Believe me when I say I am unable to express my gratitude. Wishing the Board, the staff and all my associates and friends health, happiness and success, I am

Sincerely,
George A. Blettner

**BASKETBALL GAME (cont.)**

More games are being scheduled. Any one interested in playing is invited to participate. Contact either Mr. Parhorst or Dr. Stephen Referees de Saussure and Panhorst.

**MEDICS VERSUS ADMINISTRATION IN BASKETBALL GAME**

Faced by the dead-eye shooting of DE SAUSSURE and the speed demon dribbling of PEDEN, the Medics trimmed the Administration to the score of 30-14 in the first basketball game of the current season in St. John's Methodist Church, Saturday evening, January 15th.

The game was close until the last ten minutes when the Medics began to pull away. However, due to training casualties, the Administration furnished the required men to carry on the game for the Medics.

Chief scorer for the Administration was LEON ROGERS, Accounting Dept., with three field goals. High scorer for the Medical men was DR. CHARLON DE SAUSSURE with six field goals. Foul shooting was evenly distributed, five being called on each team.

The Lineup

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**1948 ANNUAL REPORT OF BARNES GROUP**

The Trustees are privileged to present the annual report of Barnes Hospital, which reflects the continued tradition of service to the people of the community. Operations during 1948 exceeded the record achieved the previous year in caring for a maximum number of patients with present facilities. More patients were treated in 1948 than in 1947, with maintenance of high quality of medical care, and with a tremendous effort on the part of all hospital and medical personnel. The loyal service of the medical staff, nursing staff and other personnel, which enabled the hospital to give more service, is deeply appreciated by the Trustees. Another factor which made possible the treatment of more patients was a reduction in days stay for each patient which averaged 10.76, excluding infants. This is one of the lowest days stay in the history of the hospital. Additional hospital beds are the primary need of the hospital. The occupancy in 1948 was 89%, and further increase in service to patients is practically impossible without hospital beds.

The patients cared for in 1948 in the three hospitals averaged 680 patients per day, for a total of 46,916 days. Indigent and semi-indigent patients who received ward care averaged 240 patients per day, for 87,312 days. Ward patients not only pay less than the cost of their care, but also receive medical and surgical care without charge from the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine. Patients unable to pay anything received 9,927 days of absolutely free service.

The following is a statement of patients admitted and discharged during the year:

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FEDERAL INCOME TAX DUE
MARCH 15th

Everyone who had $600 or more income in 1948 must file an income tax return. If your income for 1948 was less than $600, it will probably be beneficial for you to file a return, because you may be entitled to a refund on your withholding tax.

There are three types of returns available this year—Form 1040A, Short-Form 1040, and Long-Form 1040. Withholding statements (Form W-2) may not be filed as returns this year, but must be attached to your return.

Form 1040A is the simplest of the three forms and may be used by persons whose total income was less than $5,000 and consists entirely of wages reported on withholding statements (Form W-2), or of such wages and not more than $100 total of other wages, dividends, and interest.

Returns must be mailed to the Collector of Internal Revenue by March 15, 1949. Employees who wish help in preparing their returns may consult members of the Personnel Department.

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HOME SHOW TO BE HELD FEB. 12-20

Are you interested in home appliances, furnishings, interior decorations, homebuilding, or home buying?

The Home Builders Association of St. Louis are sponsoring the Home Show of St. Louis from February 12-20. They are offering to employees of the larger firms in the city a reduced ticket price.

No money is accepted by the hospitals. A ticket will be given to those employees who wish them. This ticket plus 35¢ at the door will admit one person. Regular admission is 45¢.

If you are interested in obtaining tickets, inquire at the Personnel Office by Tuesday, Jan. 25.

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ON THE SCENE

The discussion was on the topic, "In Service Training For Auxiliary Workers."

ANESTHESIA

Dorion Scott
Jeanna Schreuders

The following people were welcomed as the first Anesthesia Class of 1949 with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings Jan. the 4th. Ruth Baker, Mary Douglas, Claire Dupras, Helen Opps, Florence Cherikos, J. F. Bradley, Grace Martin, Betty Melvin, Theresa Roder, Frances Walsh and Ruby Ward. Thanks goes to Miss Lamb, Director of Anesthesia, for the feast. Other guests included Miss Becker and Miss Sizekow, Dietary Department, and Miss Scott, Secretary in the Anesthesia Department.

OB ED

It's a vine covered cottage for Florence Cherikos and her future husband. She is leaving with hearts and flowers to be married on Valentine's Day.

Santa was good to Pauline Smilovich. That engagement ring is a beauty!

DIETARY

Joanne Carmichael

Santa played cupid at the hospital again when he linked Betty Walsh, Dietitian, and Dr. Thomas Hickey, with that ring on the third finger of her left hand.

NURSING

Mary Sullivan

Marian Gross, attendant, and Henry Foindecker, orderly, decided to start the new year right by becoming Mr. and Mrs. MDNA James, Secretary O.R., had an early Christmas present—her engagement ring. A little birdie told us that it would be a year before the wedding date. Ya wanna bet?

PHYSICAL MEDICINE

Margaret Borth

It has been said that we should dry our tears, it's we who count and not the years. Knowing that, we shall admit that two of us had birthdays this month—Margaret Clare and Margaret Borth.

RECORD ROOM

Judy Kelley
Angie Laury

The Record Room wishes to announce the engagement of Miss Angie Laury to Mr. James Dwyer. The wedding will take place early in the summer.

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MC MILLAN HOSPITAL

Methelann Rogers

Laura Hunt, has transferred from Barnes Record Room to O.D.M. She is now Mrs. Knowles' secretary.

Ann Vosburgh, secretary on 600, will be leaving us the 26th of this month. She will resume her studies at Missouri, in the field of education.

Miss Billie Sanders, Head Nurse on 300 S., will soon be hearing wedding bells, Mr. John McKenna is the lucky man.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL

Martha Pierce

On Monday, Jan. 10, Miss Mary Lou Waller, bid Maternity Hospital "goodbye" to become the bride of Mr. G. O. Roberts. Miss Emma John, a Mat. was her only attendant.

Miss Beverly Nelson, nurse on 7 Maternity, really started the new year right by becoming engaged. We certainly hope to see her leave, but we wish her all the luck and happiness in the world.

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ANNUAL REPORT (cont.)

Pts. in hospital Dec. 31, 1947

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Pts. admitted during 1948

.........25,071

Pts. treated in 1948

.........25,672

Pts. discharged in 1948

.........25,069

Pts. remaining in hospital

December 31, 1949

.........603

The expense of hospital operation and income received during the year 1948 are as follows:

Expenses $3,478,322.13
Income $3,562,985.00
Net operative deficit $258,431.78

Net income from endowment and other sources $153,068.40
Net deficit for the year $105,371.38

The hospital receives no income from city or state.

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ON THE SCENE

The Record Room folks have tagged their names with nicknames.

Judy Kelley Scoop
Angie Laury Squirt
Janice Lybyer Chubby
Mary Noolridge Zowiee
Isabel Huitl Stinky
Kay Shoqi The Flash
Clarice Gates Glamour
Rosemary Blankenship Rosy Rosie