First Occupants Move Into New East Pavilion

Barnes' new East Pavilion received its first tenants in mid-January when Central Services moved its preparation and packing area into a portion of the new structure's ground floor.

More than a dozen employees shared the distinction of being the first occupants of the clean, brightly-illuminated area immediately south of Central Services location in the Barnes Hospital basement.

Currently workmen are busy removing a partition between the new building and the old area. When renovation is completed, the packing and preparation operation will be moved once again, and sterilization equipment installed in its place.

Meanwhile, work on the remainder of the East Pavilion is proceeding about as expected. The building has been sealed-off to the weather and heaters installed to maintain a temperature in which workmen can function. Plaster work is about three weeks ahead of schedule and plumbing and ceiling tile installation approximately two weeks behind. The latter are expected to be back on schedule soon.

Full occupancy of the two lower floors is scheduled for mid-May. The entire structure should be ready for occupancy by late this year.

Metro Hospital Assoc. Installs Mr. Frank, Previews Movie

Robert E. Frank, Barnes Director, was installed as president of the Hospital Association of Metropolitan St. Louis at the group's annual dinner meeting January 28 at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn. During 1971 Mr. Frank served as vice-president of the Association, which includes 44 member hospitals.

Robert J. Guy, retiring president of the Association, and administrator of Baptist Hospital, turned over the podium to Mr. Frank following his review of the Association's activities during the past year.

Barnes Hospital also was prominent in the Association's new film, "The Hospitals are the System," shown for the first time during the meeting. The movie illustrates that hospitals are part of the health care system as a whole; that they interact as a system in St. Louis; and that the individual hospital, such as Barnes, is a system in itself.

Several scenes in the movie, photographed in color, were taken at Barnes, including the coronary intensive care unit and special procedures room; the new evening ambulatory

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Nursing Personnel Pick Poster Contest Winner

Mrs. Ethel Robinson, an LPN on the 10th floor of Queeny Tower, has been voted the winner of the 1971 nursing safety slogan contest. She was presented with a $25 Savings Bond by Barnes Director Robert E. Frank at an award dinner attended by all eleven contest entrants and other nursing personnel.

Mrs. Robinson’s poster received the largest number of votes from nursing service employees. The poster depicted a nurse pushing an obviously terrified wheelchair patient at a breakneck speed while saying, “if this is too fast, don’t hesitate to tell me!”

Wires Crossed? Use the Hospital Directory

You can save yourself and everyone else inconvenience and lost time by dialing the correct number, say Barnes telephone operators. If you are unsure of a number, look it up in the hospital’s 1972 telephone directory, available this month, says operator Quilline Donovan.

New Laboratory Computer System Expected to Afford Many Benefits

The purchase of a new, computerized data processing system for the hospital’s diagnostic laboratory was approved last month by Barnes officials. The system, to be built by Laboratory Computing, Inc., will provide medical, technical and clerical benefits otherwise unobtainable, says Dr. Leonard Jarett, laboratory director.

Although the new system will be the first of its kind in the St. Louis area, such devices are already in use in the labs of more than 100 medical and research facilities throughout the United States.

The rapidly increasing volume of laboratory work at Barnes, which has doubled in four years—compared to a national average of five years—has necessitated computerization. And, as the number of tests has increased, so has the amount of paper work involved in requesting tests, calculating results and reporting them to medical personnel. Studies have indicated that from 20-40 per cent of a laboratory technician’s time is now spent on essentially clerical tests. Dr. Jarett believes the computer will cut this in half.

With the new system, admission information about patients, the tests requested and the results will all be stored in the computer and will be available almost instantly, saving technicians a significant amount of time. The computer will also generate worksheets containing instructions for each specimen received, eliminating another time-consuming job now performed by the technical staff.

Physicians, too, will benefit from the computer’s ability to retrieve information. With just one phone call to the laboratory they will quickly be able to obtain information regarding the status of all the tests they have requested.

Once the required tests have been performed the computer will print the results, automatically “flagging” or calling attention to any that seem abnormal. For the convenience of doctors, up-to-the-minute results will be printed two or three times a day. A complete summary—for insertion into patient’s records—will be printed each evening. This single sheet of paper will contain all the test data on any one patient, rather than the several separate reports now necessary. Physicians, ward clerks and medical records clerks will all save time because they will handle one sheet instead of several.

Dr. Jarett is hopeful that the improved availability of test results will also produce a reduction in the average length of stay by making possible faster medical decisions and an earlier start of therapy.

Much of the lab’s analytical equipment will be controlled and monitored by the computer, which will perform all the computations necessary to convert the results into a meaningful form, previously a tedious process vulnerable to human errors.

The performance of the analytical equipment will constantly be watched by the computer, which will alert technicians to any potential problems before they become serious.

The time and energy saved thanks to these automated procedures will allow highly-skilled—and scarce—technicians to devote more of their time to implementing new and better tests. In addition, it will make possible the creation of a continuing educational program for the technical staff, Dr. Jarett says.

The new computer will also be able to “talk” to other computers, such as the one in data processing. Establishing the “normal ranges” for various tests as well as evaluating the tests themselves will be within the computer’s capabilities.

“But,” Dr. Jarett says, “the ultimate reason for computerization is to provide better service to our physicians so they, in turn, will be able to treat their patients more effectively.”

Benefits Expected to Afford Many Other Benefits

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New Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan Now Available to Barnes Employes

A new annuity plan that will allow hospital employes to place up to one-sixth of their annual income in a tax-sheltered savings and/or retirement plan went into effect at Barnes recently. The new program has provisions for both a fixed and a variable annuity.

Under the fixed annuity program the insurance company, General American Life, guarantees a minimum annual return of 3 1/2 per cent or more on the money invested. The interest rate is currently 6 1/4 per cent.

With the variable annuity plan there are no such guarantees. Instead, General American invests the money in common stocks and the value of the annuity rises or falls with the value of the stocks held. Over the long haul, such investments should provide a hedge against a possible loss of purchasing power caused by inflation, General American says.

Anyone participating in the program may put his money in either the variable or fixed plan or any combination of the two. For example, 30 per cent of the employe's contribution could be put into the variable annuity and 70 per cent into the fixed.

Both types of annuity are subject to a $10 per year administrative charge, and a sales deduction of 4.75 per cent is made from each payment. In addition, the variable annuity is subject to an annual deduction of 1 1/4 per cent, for investment management services and annuity rate and expenses assurance.

The wages invested in the annuity are not subject to federal income tax. Thus, if an employe's income this year is $5,000, and he or she invests $500, then federally taxable income will be considered $4,500.

The federal government provides this type of tax shelter only to employes of not-for-profit institutions such as schools and hospitals because these organizations usually cannot afford to offer the pension plans, stock options, or other forms of deferred income or tax relief commonly given employes of profit-making institutions.

Should the annuity or a part of it be withdrawn before retirement, the employe is taxed on his total income at that year's rate. If, for example, a nurse invested in the program for four or five years and then decided to travel or continue her education, the money could be withdrawn during that time. It would be taxed at a lower rate, then than if it had been paid out while she was also earning her regular salary.

At retirement, the annuity may be taken in several forms. The money can be taken in a lump sum; distributed in a number of monthly payments over a fixed period; converted to a lifetime annuity that will pay monthly for the employe's lifetime; or converted into a lifetime annuity with a provision to continue lifetime payments to a survivor as well.

Should the employe die before retirement, the stipulated beneficiary will receive the total value of the annuity in whatever form desired.

If the insured employe leaves Barnes before retiring, he or she may leave the money in the annuity, receiving the same benefits as before. However, more money cannot be invested in the program on a tax-sheltered basis, unless, of course, the individual goes to work for another non-profit organization with the General American program.

Employes who wish to participate in the program simply sign a release in the personnel office, authorizing the hospital to deduct a fixed amount of money from their paychecks every two weeks. The amount of the deduction cannot be changed more than once a year.

Barnes makes no recommendations as to the advisability of taking part in this program, nor does it assume any responsibility for the financial advantages or disadvantages that may result from it. Copies of General American's prospectus and other informational brochures are available in the personnel office to aid employes in deciding if they wish to participate.

1971 Was Another Busy Year For Barnes' Volunteers

Barnes Hospital's Volunteers added several new services to their already extensive program during the past year, according to the Auxiliary's annual report.

During 1971 the Volunteer Office initiated a hostess and escort service for patients in the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology's X-ray department, a service which may be expanded this year. The establishment of a similar service to aid self care patients in getting to and from various areas of the hospital is under consideration for 1972, the report says.

The Volunteers also began lending a hand in the obstetrics and gynecology clinic last year, helping with patients and performing other tasks. Nearly a dozen-and-a-half ladies in pink also started a program to assist the nursery with infant care.

The Volunteers were busy in the pre-admitting area, too. More workers will likely be needed for such work this year, the Auxiliary predicts.
You Can Beat Those Old
There is no warm soil in which to grow things in mid-winter. The crisp air of fall has given way to the chilly damp. The activities of the holiday season are over. The Super Bowl (and all those other bowls) are now football history.

Feel blue? You may have a case of the mid-winter glumps, or the post-Christmas slumps. What's the cure for this mild depression?

Barnes psychiatrist Theodore Reich's advice is "Hang in there." Spring is not far behind. "The person who feels moody probably enjoys it, though he may not realize it. This person is sensitive and emotional, feels strongly about everything and wouldn't want to give up moodiness for an even-tempered existence. That would seem quite dull," he says.

However, the individual who is experiencing real depression should seek help, Dr. Reich cautions. "If the depressed feeling is beyond what seems normal to the person, he should realize that it can be treated, just like a bad headache," he says.

Based on coroners' statistics, frequently used as an indicator of the overall incidence of certain mental diseases, bad weather at any time is usually accompanied by more suicides, all other things being equal.

But studies of suicide rates in the United States have found that during the January to March period only the average number of persons decide they want to take their own lives. In December the suicide rate usually dips slightly, perhaps indicating that the holidays are indeed a time of good cheer for everyone.

Surprisingly, the highest suicide rate occurs in the springtime, says Richard Wetzel, an instructor in medical psychology at the Washington University School of Medicine.

"While there is no hard data on why these people choose springtime to commit suicide, a reason could be that they anticipate they will feel better in spring. When even the change in season doesn't cheer them up, they have a sense of hopelessness," Mr. Wetzel says.

Here at Barnes, most people have found ways to cope with the ennui of midwinter, the Bulletin found. Many Barnes employees take advantage of the long nights and less demanding recreational schedules to sew, bowl or play cards.

In the mall's dismal glut of after-Christmas bills, the splash of color afforded by a seed catalog lifts the spirits of gardeners. These are "dream books" to those who enjoy raising things to eat and look at during the summer. They plan their spring plantings, and somehow it seems a little less cold.

A current popular song advises, "It's time to start givin' some time to yourself . . . plan a vacation or do something new; like go to the opera or zoo." Certainly vacations to a warm climate can take the edge off winter and some Barnes employees, such as Miss Jackie Treybal, operating room supervisor, who is going to Acapulco, Mexico this month, and Miss Stephanie Lengyel, personnel, who will visit relatives in California soon, will enjoy a brief respite from winter's clutches.

Miss Kathy McThompson, head nurse on the 8th floor of Maternity, is beating the blues because she's now busy planning her April wedding. Another employee with wedding arrangements on her mind is Mrs. Karol Johnson, nursing office, whose daughter, Gail, will be married in June.

Even the snows of winter aren't all bad. The bonfires burn on Art Hill and by the frozen ponds in Forest Park, and many of the persons hurtling down the slopes on sleds have long ago left their childhoods behind.

A fire on the hearth, a good book, a carpentry project; whatever your pleasure, there's time for it now.

This season may not bring you joy. But serenity has some rewards of its own.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"—P. B. Shelley
Snow: At Least Penguins and Kids Like It

The winter's first snowfall was a mixed blessing, as such things often are. Traffic was paralyzed throughout the area. For most adults it meant arriving at work hours late, while for some children it meant a day off from school.

At Barnes, housekeeping personnel worked continually to keep sidewalks free of the rapidly-falling snow, while across Kingshighway, Barnes School of Nursing students romped in the near zero temperatures as snow silently blanketed Forest Park.

Although it’s hard to find, there is a sled underneath this pile of nursing students who took advantage of some free time to romp in Forest Park.

Despite the snow, Ken Shumake was busy hauling sand to other workmen inside the East Pavilion.

Safety and Security patrolman DeLeon Greer helps a patient into a wheel chair while "Dixie" Trovillian, housekeeping, works to clear the sidewalk.
Life insurance premiums will not be deducted from the paychecks of Barnes employees during the months of February, March and April, due to last year’s satisfactory experience with payments and premiums.

A 67-year-old widow, Mrs. Rosa M. Lacy, received some good news while visiting her brother here recently when her daughter rushed to the hospital to say that Mrs. Lacy’s Irish Sweepstakes ticket had won her $130,000. Mrs. Lacy said she might use the money to visit relatives in Germany and to provide security for herself and her children.

The Director’s Office has announced the holiday schedule for 1972. This year the hospital will observe six national holidays. Memorial Day Monday, May 29 Independence Day Tuesday, July 4 Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4 Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 23 Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25 New Year’s Day Monday, Jan. 1 (1973)

Most employees also will receive two additional holidays, the anniversary of their first day of employment at Barnes and their birthday.

A new procedure intended to make it simpler for Barnes employees to obtain discount medications from the hospital’s pharmacy was announced last month by the Director’s Office. Employe prescriptions will no longer require validation by Personnel Health. Instead, employees may now present their prescription and currently validated employee identification card to the pharmacist to obtain their discount.

Barnes employees should review their 1972 Federal Income Tax withholding status, the Internal Revenue Service has advised. Under the Revenue Act of 1971 changes have been made in the withholding system to correct much of the underwithholding experienced last year. As a consequence, too much money may be taken from some people’s checks, reducing take-home pay.

If you think you may need to change your withholding, you should file a new Form W-4, a Withholding Exemption Certificate. The forms are available in the personnel office.

Lasater to Head New Barnes Foundation Gifts Committee

Donald E. Lasater, the newest member of Barnes’ Board of Trustees, has been named chairman of the newly-created Foundation Gifts Committee. His appointment to the committee was announced last month by Board Chairman Raymond E. Rowland.

Mr. Lasater has long been interested in the type of fund raising his committee will be concerned with, having served on Barnes’ Gifts and Bequest committee from 1962-67.

January Gifts to the Barnes Tribute Fund

Following is a list of honorees (names in boldface) and contributors to the Barnes Hospital Tribute Fund during January, 1972.

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2 Medical Society Awards
To Drs. Arneson & Scott

Two Barnes physicians, Dr. A. Norman Arneson, associate obstetrician-gynecologist and associate radiologist, and Dr. Wendell G. Scott, associate radiologist, were presented with the St. Louis Medical Society's Gold Medal and Award of Merit at the group's January meeting. Drs. Arneson and Scott were honored for their distinguished work against cancer.

Two Barnes assistant surgeons, Drs. Eugene N. Mitchell and James M. Stokes, were installed as councilors at the same meeting.

Three other Barnes physicians were presented with honor memberships in the St. Louis Medical Society for their distinguished service to medicine and the community. They were: Dr. Lauren V. Ackerman, Surgical Pathologist-in-Chief; Dr. Walter Baumgarten Jr., assistant physician; and Dr. Joseph C. Peden Sr., assistant surgeon.

A new treatment for glaucoma victims developed by Dr. Bernard Becker, Ophthalmologist-in-Chief, and associates was discussed before a recent meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, according to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

The treatment, based on the oral administration of diphenylhydantoin, resulted in a reversal of glaucomatous field vision loss or actual improvements in the visual field in 9 of 21 patients treated, preliminary reports said. No patient showed further progression of visual loss, the JAMA reported.

Dr. P. E. Luecke Jr. has been named president-elect of the Dallas County, Texas, Medical Society. Dr. Luecke is a graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine.

Seven more physicians have been named to the Barnes Hospital attending staff, according to the January change-in-status report issued by the Director's Office. The following are reported on staff: Dr. Theodore Reich, assistant psychiatrist, Renard Hospital; Dr. E. James Anthony, assistant psychiatrist (return to active status); Drs. Harun Kusama, Lincoln B. Calvin and Barbara M. Herjanic, pediatric consultants; Dr. Gerald G. Morris, assistant physician, preventive medicine department; and Dr. P. Robert Schwetschenau, assistant physician.

The status of three doctors has been changed from assistant to associate. They are: Dr. Jessie Ternberg, associate surgeon; Dr. Joe Grisham, associate pathologist; and Dr. Dorothy Jones, associate pediatrician.

Augustine Jones, foregound, and Kathy Weiersmueller, background, both from the McMillan cashiers office, were among the 115 Barnes employes who volunteered to give blood during December's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile. Employees will have another opportunity to donate blood later this month.

The bloodmobile's first visit this year will be on Thursday, February 24. Additional information will be available from supervisors. At least four such visits will be made here during 1972, according to the Red Cross.

Barnes employees who wish to give blood at some other time may do so by contacting the Red Cross office at 4901 Washington Blvd. Donors should request that their blood be credited to the Barnes Participating Group plan.

One-hundred-and-fifteen Barnes Hospital employes volunteered to give blood on December 21 during the final 1971 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile here, according to Walt Hanses, personnel director.

Of those on hand, 81 donated a pint of blood each, while 34 others were deferred for medical reasons until a future date. The Red Cross had hoped to collect 125 pints of blood.

December's drive brought to nearly 400 the number of Barnes employes who gave blood during 1971. Mr. Hanses said. Barnes will continue to be carried under the Red Cross's group blood program, which provides coverage for donors and non-donors alike from groups in which 25 per cent or more members give blood.

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service: an anesthesia class being taught by Miss Louise Grove; and Barnes Surgeon-in-Chief Dr. Walter Ballinger addressing a group of residents, interns and medical students.

Other brief segments include the operation of an x-ray unit, and several exterior views of Barnes, including patients entering the admitting room doors. The later scene was photographed from the second floor of Queeny Tower.

The purpose of the film is to set the theme for the Association's community service and communications program. It points up the complexity of the hospital "system" and the ways the member hospitals interact.

Another highlight of the annual meeting was an address by Dr. David B. Wilson, assistant director of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Dr. Wilson is a past president of the American Hospital Association. His topic was "Coordinating Health Services in Large Metropolitan Areas." Dr. Wilson recently completed a year-long study of the coordinated delivery of health services in the Metropolitan Chicago area.