DR. LAWRENCE T. POST DIED MAY 13

Dr. Lawrence T. Post, former Ophthalmologist-in-Chief for Barnes and affiliated hospitals, died at Barnes on May 13. He was 70 years old, and had been Emeritus since 1953 due to illness.

Dr. Post graduated from Yale University in 1909 and received his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University in 1913. In World War I he was executive officer of a mobile hospital with the American Expeditionary Force. He was appointed Clinical Assistant in Ophthalmology on the Barnes Staff October 3, 1921, and became Associate Ophthalmologist on the Barnes Staff May 11, 1931. From 1933 until his retirement in 1953 he was Ophthalmologist-in-Chief.

Dr. Post had served as president of the St. Louis Ophthalmic Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, and the American Ophthalmological Society. For 13 years he edited the American Journal of Ophthalmology.

In 1947 Dr. Post received the Lucien Howe medal of the American Ophthalmological Society for his work in teaching and his leadership in study of eye diseases. He was awarded the Leslie Dana medal for prevention of blindness in 1949. When the Dana medal was presented, a speaker called attention to Dr. Post’s experiments showing that eye exercises had little or no value in treatment of myopia; his discovery that pneumococci in the front tissue of the eye could be killed by heat, and his development of the diathermic treatment for glaucoma.

Dr. Post was outspoken both in advocating high standards for his profession and in guarding against undue interference by government. In 1948 he led a campaign against “kick-backs” paid to some eye doctors by optical manufacturers or retail opticians.

Born in St. Louis, Dr. Post was the grandson of the Rev. Truman M. Post, the city’s first Congregational minister, and the son of Dr. Martin H. Post, also an eye specialist. His son, Dr. Lawrence T. Post, Jr., and his brother, Dr. M. (Continued on back page, Column 2)
DR. VERMILLION TO HAVE BUSY YEAR AHEAD

Dr. C. O. Vermillion, Associate Director of Barnes, was re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tuberculosis and Health Society of St. Louis at the annual meeting of the Society held May 5. The Tuberculosis & Health Society is a voluntary organization dedicated to promoting good health and eradicating disease through educational and case-finding programs, and the Board of Directors guides the Society's staff.

The professional staff of Barnes is well represented on the Board of the Society, including Drs. I. J. Flance, Alfred Goldman, David Kerr, Wendell G. Scott, and David M. Skilling. Dr. Arthur E. Strauss is a Life Member of the Board, and Dr. Paul J. Zentay was elected a Life Member at the May 5 meeting.

Dr. Vermillion will also be busy this year with alumni groups. He was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Men’s Faculty Club of Washington University on April 19, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis-DePauw Alumni Club on April 20. Dr. Vermillion received his A. B. degree from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1939, and later obtained his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine.

C.U.T.H. MEETING HELD AT BARNES

Seven members of the Council of University Teaching Hospitals met at Barnes on May 15-17. During the three day meeting, a portion of which was held jointly with the Conference on the Selection of Administrators, many items were discussed pertinent to the best type of organization for the teaching, service, and research functions carried on in university affiliated hospitals.

Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director, and Mr. H. E. Panhorst, Associate Director, are members of the Council. Other members present were Dr. Donald J. Caseley, Medical Director of the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, Mr. Robert Denholm, Administrator of the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, Mr. Harry Higgins, University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, Mr. Russell Miller, Associate Director of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, and Dr. Peter A. Volpe, Administrator of the Ohio State University Health Center in Columbus.

Concurrently with the Council meeting, the Research Unit of the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, under a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, conducted a two and one-half day session at Barnes on the selection of hospital administrators and the identity of abilities and skills pertinent thereto.
OPERATING ROOMS TAKE ON NEW LOOK

During the past 44 years, with ever increasing demands for facilities to meet the rapid strides made in developing new surgical techniques, the Barnes Hospital Operating Rooms have undergone many and frequent changes.

The first operation, an appendectomy, was performed in the then new Barnes Hospital on December 12, 1914. During the following year there were less than 1,000 surgical procedures done, but within 15 years the operating rooms were being taxed to their utmost to complete nearly 5,000 procedures annually. In 1931 space was provided in the Rand-Johnson building for an eight-room surgical suite to replace the old facilities.

By 1937 over 10,000 procedures were being performed annually, which increased to 18,000 within the following ten years. Various additions enlarged the operating suite, and alterations were made. In

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The new fluorescent diffused-light fixtures can be seen on the ceiling of Operating Room #8 as the OR team prepares for surgery. Left to right are Nurse Assistant Martha Williams, Mrs. Clara Brennan, R. N., Scrub Nurse, and Dr. Ronzoni.

In the foreground Mrs. Gertrude Ray, Operating Room Supervisor, checks the schedule with Mrs. Betty Walls, Staff R. N.
Checking patients in the newly decorated Recovery Room is Miss Mildred Brocksmith, Recovery Room Supervisor. As things sometime happen, the photographer who snapped these pictures Wednesday afternoon was admitted to Barnes the following day and spent Friday morning in the Recovery Room as a post-operative patient.

OPERATING ROOMS’ NEW LOOK (Con’t)

1943 the operating suite in McMillan Hospital was opened for EENT surgery. In 1951 space was provided for a Recovery Room in Barnes, and patients were sent to the Recovery Room for close post-operative observation before being returned to their respective nursing divisions.

The patient census increased in 1953 with the opening of David P. Wohl, Jr., Memorial Hospital, in 1954 with the opening of Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, and in 1955 with the opening of Renard Hospital. By 1956 nearly 25,000 surgical procedures were being performed annually in the Medical Center.

Last year, after a study to gain an insight into the present and future demands of the department, an extensive remodeling and renovation program was begun. Operating Rooms 11, 12, and 13 were added. The old supply room was renovated for use of the Gibbons Heart-Lung Pump, and a new conducto-tile floor installed as a safety precaution against fire. New ceiling lights were installed in some of the major operating rooms and connecting corridors. New facilities were provided for “on call” nursing and anesthesia personnel. Finishing touches were added by a fresh coat of paint in many of the major areas. And it has been interesting to note that surgery was not curtailed while these projects were being completed.

Today Barnes has 13 Major Operating Rooms, 5 Cysto Rooms, Plaster Room, Endoscopy, 2 X-ray Procedure Rooms, Recovery Room, and an “On Call” suite for personnel. McMillan has 7 Operating Rooms and a Recovery Room. Maternity has 1 Operating Room for caesarean sections, 3 Delivery Rooms, and 2 Labor Rooms.
Considerable activity in the newly painted corridor was stopped for a moment as a patient was being returned from the Recovery Room to the nursing division. Left to right, facing camera, are: Vernice Fowler, Storeroom, OR Nurse Assistant Mamie Lee Rogers, Medical Student Roy Kenny, Orderly Judge Little, OR Secretary Vivian Saunders, Orderly Lester Brown, and Recovery Room Nurse Assistant Regina Dooley. On the left with her back to camera is Sister Theresa, student in Nurse Anesthesia, checking condition of infant patient.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM NOW INCLUDES MAIN CAMPUS

Installation of telephone tie lines between the Barnes equipment room and the Washington University Main Campus equipment room has been completed, making it possible to dial from the Medical Center directly to extension numbers on the Main Campus.

Dialing one-four on Medical Center telephones will automatically connect you with the Main Campus equipment room, after which you can dial the extension number desired. In the event you are not certain of the extension number, dial 14, then 0 for the Main Campus operator. It will be helpful if you learn the correct station number of any Main Campus telephone which you might call frequently; the new system will save your time as well as operator time in completing your call.

This type of telephone system connection has been in effect between Barnes Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital for some time.
Kathleen Lucia, R. N., is shown using the telephone in one of the new double rooms provided for nursing and anesthesia personnel. There are four such rooms in the recently completed "On Call" suite, each with two beds, dresser, desk, chairs, and telephone.

In the final stages of furnishing the Lounge in the "On Call" suite, "Duke" Chanitz, Maintenance, completes installation of a television set.
BERTHA COLEMAN, Pharmacy Aide for eleven years before her resignation in 1954, resumed her former duties on April 14. ROBBIE JEAN MEEKS, who resigned to have her baby, returned to her former job in Dietary on April 17. EDITH HIVELY, who was employed in the Cafeteria from 1953-57, resumed her former duties on April 21. DAISY MARIE GREEN, Nurse Assistant in McMillan who resigned to have her baby, returned on April 21 and is working in Wohl. MAXINE COMPTON, Senior Nurse Assistant in Barnes OR who resigned in February to have her baby, resumed her former duties on April 21. JEWELDINE GRAY, Nurse Assistant who resigned in January to have her baby, returned to duty on April 21. WALTER BRADFORD, former part-time orderly in Renard, resumed his former duties on April 24. FRANCES LEE PORTER, Practical Nurse who resigned last September to have her baby, returned April 29. SHARON GREENHILL, Admitting Secretary in Barnes who resigned last year to leave the city, has returned to St. Louis and resumed her former position on May 1. ARUNUS PEARSON, formerly with the Housekeeping Department, returned May 1 and is now working in Dietary. GLORIA K. SULLIVAN, R. N., resumed her part-time work in Barnes on May 2. BETTY C. WALLS, R. N., returned to her former position in the Barnes OR on May 2. DELORES PETERSON, Nurse Assistant, resumed her former duties on May 5. ALMA JURDINE, Nurse Assistant who resigned in January to have her baby, returned on May 4. Her baby was born February 14, Valentines Day, so they named the baby girl Valerie. LILLIE SCHILD, who worked in the Linen Room over six years before resigning to care for an ill member of her family, resumed her former duties on May 7. Welcome Back!

The old Supply Room was renovated to accommodate the new Gibbons Heart-Lung Pump. Shown with the pump is the nurse in charge of it, Miss Betty Jett. The Medical Center is proud of this machine which is a first of its kind, and was first used at Barnes by one of our leading surgeons. The Gibbons Pump, manufactured locally at a cost of $65,000, was made possible by donations for its purchase to St. Louis Children's Hospital. St. Louisans contributed the money on public appeals made through the Globe-Democrat newspaper.
Many thanks to employees who donated to the fund in memory of FLORENCE McDonnell, who died Easter Sunday. Contributions were given to the Maternity Hospital Tribute Fund. Wedding bells rang March 29 for CAROLYN McKenzie, Barnes Nursing, and Mr. Joseph M. Bogansian. The formal ceremony took place at Aurora, Missouri, and the newlyweds honeymooned in New Orleans... We regret to learn that Joe Erlanger, son of Dr. Herman Erlanger, is a patient in McMillan, and hope for a speedy recovery... Wishes for a speedy recovery also go to Miss JULIA OVERBECK, Clinic Accounting, who has been a patient on 4 Wohl for quite some time... Congratulations to CLARENCE K. Mash, Activity Therapy, whose wife presented him with their second child, a baby girl born April 25... DR. F. R. BRADLEY, Director, spent May 10 in Washington, D.C., where he lectured on “The Teaching of the Nurse” at a VA Institute. On May 17-20 he attended a meeting of the Association of University Programs in Hospital Administration in Minneapolis. Messrs. H. E. PANHORST and DONALD HORSH, Associate Directors, accompanied Dr. Bradley to the AUPHA meeting... GEORGIA CROCKETT, 3 Wohl, returned to work May 13 after being home several weeks due to an auto accident injury... BETTY JEAN AKINS, Nurse Assistant, became Mrs. W. J. Goodwin on April 12 in St. Louis... Junior-Senior students in the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing held their Prom at the Forest Park Hotel on May 3... GLENN ABRAMS, Storeroom, was injured May 14 when his motorcycle collided with a Black & White taxicab on Euclid Avenue at the Courtyard driveway entrance to the Medical Center. We hope he will soon be able to return... SHIRLEY J. WEINHAUS, Pharm... People who face the unusual and the uninvited experiences of life are often found turning to a resource that has been used throughout the centuries of recorded history. This resource is known as prayer. It is not a new element in the composition of human affairs, but one about which members of the human family have constructed a great variety of interpretations. This will be no attempt to give the interpretation you should have. This is one of the freedoms we enjoy. People who face the usual and the invited experiences of life also turn to prayer as a resource, so we must conclude that this is something that fits into the pattern of life as we find it. It is an interesting study to find what individuals have had to say on this subject. One of the great scientists of our generation, Dr. Alexis Carrel, suggested that in prayer man stands before God “like the canvas before the painter or the marble before the sculptor.” God knows the end result which he is seeking to fashion out of our lives. John Haynes Holmes once said, “To pray is not only to desire something in our lives; it is also to set ourselves to the task of satisfying that desire. If our prayers are to be answered, we must answer them ourselves.” We could go on. A volume would not hold what has been thought. We, too, can think... macy, became Mrs. Henry L. Loeb on April 2 in University City... DOROTHY JONES, (Continued on back page, Column 1)
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Dietary Department, entered the hospital as a patient on May 4. . . . ERNESTINE McCLAIN, Housekeeping, has resigned to join her husband who is in military service and stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas . . . . Pearl of the Month: "Some people find that the most difficult instrument to play is second fiddle" . . . . MINNIE FAY JONES, Dietary, recently became Mrs. William Woolford. . . . . Our sympathy to DOUGHTY PHOOST, Personnel Health, whose son, Bob, recently broke his leg while playing baseball. The Holy Rosary team will miss Bob very much since he has been one of their star players. . . . . GLENDA BOUCHARD, Payroll, has resigned to spend the summer being a housewife and traveling with her husband, Pat, whose business requires frequent trips out of town. In the middle of spring fevers, how lucky can a girl get? . . . . DORIS MYLES, Nursing, recently became Mrs. O'Neil Johnson in E. St. Louis. . . . . SARIJANE MOGERMAN, the cute, pixieish secretary in Barnes Nursing Office, was recently hospitalized for several days. . . . . CID DADE, Personnel, recently spent three days as a patient on 8200. . . . . We understand Mr. JOSEPH T. GRECO, Associate Director, now takes his first coffee-break at 5:00 a.m. in the Barnes Drug Store. . . . . Consensus of the many employees recently hospitalized is that food service and nursing care on the patient floors is the greatest. So, bouquets to all the personnel on nursing divisions--you're wonderful!

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Hayward Post, are also ophthalmologists on the Barnes Staff.

In addition to Dr. Lawrence T. Post, Jr., and Dr. M. Hayward Post, survivors include Dr. Post's wife, Mrs. Bernice Lightner Post, and two other sons, Dr. Stephen L. Post who is on the staff of Montefiore Hospital in New York, and Robert H. Post who is a sophomore medical student at Cornell University School of Medicine.