PLANS SET FOR HUGE BUILDING PROGRAM

Plans for major construction and renovation of Barnes Hospital and other units which it operates in affiliation with the Washington University School of Medicine were revealed in the Barnes annual report published this month.

Included is a new 14-story Tower Building to replace the three-story Barnes Private Pavilion on Kingshighway at the southwest corner of the hospital complex. It is to include 10 floors of patient rooms plus accommodations for diagnostic patients, and possibly members of their families, who must stay overnight when they come from distant points.

Underground Parking
Proposed also for this building are two floors of office space for doctors who serve both hospital and private practice, one floor for a restaurant and lounge and two underground parking levels.

Additional plans to combat the parking problem for the hospital group, which last year admitted 27,967 in-patients, contemplate a huge underground parking area, conditioned on the city's approval, extending under the present Kingshighway. It would link with a sunken garden in Forest Park, this to accommodate pedestrian traffic to ground level or by tunnel to the Barnes main entrance.

This becomes possible in the rerouting of Kingshighway to the new cloverleaf scheduled for early construction in the state's relocation and widening of the nearby Express Highway. In this elimination of the present turn from north to east along the front of the hospital area, the vacated stretch of old Kingshighway might then be converted to service streets providing ramps to the underground parking.

Floors Being Added
Tied with the Tower Building will be a covered walkway extending eastward to become a two-story addition over the present Barnes driveway and replacing present forward wings of the hospital. As the new main entrance, it would house lobby, admitting offices and administration.

The main unit of Barnes will open up with a new facing and one story added for mechanical or service needs. Four stories are to be added to the Rand Johnson Memorial Surgical Wing, that structure joining and rising to the height of the new Tower Building.

Other construction in plans drawn by St. Louis architects Murphy & Mackey include a floor added to the present six-story Renard Hospital, and three new floors above the one-story Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation. The latter's enlargement will add a floor of beds for the adjoining Maternity, a floor of ear-nose-throat operating rooms and a floor for research.

The adjacent McMillan and Maternity hospitals will be linked at ground level by a joint lobby and admitting facility. Both of these hospitals will be completely modernized and air conditioned, with improved patient facilities.

Much Interior Work
Maternity is to receive a new delivery suite and gynecology operating suite. McMillan will undergo remodeling for a new ear-nose-throat clinic, with existing clinics for ophthalmology, glaucoma and pediatrics extended on the first floor.

Throughout the entire hospital group, plans include major programs of reorganizing and re-grouping laboratories, supplies and central services; improvements in operating suites; air conditioning; new elevators and connecting corridors; modernizing of patient rooms, and a change-over from large wards to a maximum of no more than four beds.

The annual report made no reference to specific timing or budget for the expansion. But in his statement for the board of trustees Edgar M. Queeny, chairman, said that they, "having no other option, have determined to test, later this year, the gratitude of the many who have benefited from the care received, as well as the generosity of others more fortunate in health or circumstance, that they may experience the comfort of a gift."

As stated in the report by Dr. Frank R. Bradley, director, "The magnitude of community service performed is shown by the fact that more than 650,000 patients have been admitted since Barnes Hospital opened in December, 1914."

In 1961 the hospital provided

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Eight weeks of paid classroom and on-the-job training recently were completed by 14 student nurse assistants, now junior nurse assistants on duty in the various nursing divisions of the Barnes hospital group. From left, front row: Breeder French, Margaret Larre, Rosalie Davis, Betty Williams, Veivia Evans, Jacqueline Williams and Joan Keller. Back row: Ada Robinson, Betty Reynolds, Ruby Pratt, Carole Mosley, Shirley Crawford, Edward Forester and Ronald Singleton.

New Titles To 52 Through Training, Promotions

Barnes Personnel Office recently announced the names of 52 employees who, by promotion or completion of training, have advanced during the period February 15 through March 21.

Advanced to floor technician from senior nurse assistant were: Margaret Stickel, Monette Johnson, Mildred Yancy and Napoleon Green.

Moving to senior nurse assistant from nurse assistant were: Colman Manley, Margaret Jaggie, June Stokes, Kathryn McFarland, Alice M. Sanders and Myrtle Kirkess.

Junior nurse assistants advanced to nurse assistants include: Eva Heron, Nelda Hodgges, Amanda Hayes, Betty Harrison, Cecil Hale, Betty Frieburger, Luella Evans, Mildred Brown, Edna Bryd, Dora Bell, Natalie Weiss, Jennie Ward, Dorothy Nevels, Loretta Miller, Dorothy Jackson, Dandra Kaiser, Pauline Kelly, David Weatherford, Helen Rankin, Charles Hartley, Madlyn Hawkins, Rosie Douglas, and Lillian Ann Moore.

Advancing to junior nurse assistant from student nurse were: Barbara Gardner, Margorie Penney, Ida Singleton, Lillie Coleman, Veria Evans, Martha Pratt, Betty Williams, Minnie Gatlin, Ada Robinson, Betty Reynolds, Pauline Black, Carole Mosley and Ruby Pratt.

Other promotions include: Classic Brown, from senior nurse to operating room; Gertrude Fink, secretary to executive secretary in the dietary department; Joe Crase, escort messenger to painter trained; Dorothy Sample, clinic admitting to Barnes accounting; Jeanette Thompson, staff nurse to assistant head nurse and Ann Evans, advanced to assistant head nurse from registered nurse.

Drill Rig Pulled From Private Pavilion Lawn

There was considerable excitement on the lawn of Private Pavilion last week when a drilling derrick, mired in the rain-soaked ground, had to be pulled off by a winch.

Drillers were testing the ground to determine how much work would be connected with building the underground portion of the proposed Tower Building. Four holes were drilled to a depth of 40 feet below street level.

Results? Everything is fine! There is clay all the way down. Several small boulders had to be drilled, but below them, more clay. Another drilling operation will start in the next few weeks to find out if the ground is solid.

Certified in Urology

Dr. John Burton Kelley, former resident in urology at Barnes and instructor in genito-urinary surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, has been certified as a specialist by the American Board of Urology. He is now associated with the Welborn Clinic, Evansville, Ind.

Hospital Employees Now Include 26 Per Cent Who Have Five Or More Years In Service

A recent check of personnel records shows that 651, or 26 per cent, of the 2500 employees working for the Barnes hospital group have accrued five or more years of service time.

The administration has taken note of this "core of dedicated personnel," and expressed its pride in their devotion to duty. Officials readily agree that the loyalty and energy shown by this element of the working force are directly linked with the hospital's growth.

One employee, Emma Math, clerk in the Wohl Clinics drug room, began work in January, 1921, giving her a total of 41 years of service. Seven other workers have 35 years' longevity, nine have 30 years, seven have 25 years, 19 have 20 years, 87 have 15 years, 143 have ten years and 377 have five years.

Health Office Moves

Barnes Personnel Health Office was recently moved to new quarters in space formerly occupied by the emergency room in the Private Pavilion. Employees visiting the new office may enter either from the parking lot between Barnes and Children's hospitals, from first floor or basement of Barnes.

On MsMF Board

Dr. Leonard T. Furlow, assistant surgeon, Barnes and allied hospitals, and associate professor of clinical neurological surgery, Washington University School of Medicine, is one of six Missouri physicians elected to the board of trustees of the Missouri State Medical Foundation, a non-profit organization which makes educational loans to Missouri medical students.

Tax Forms Available

With a reminder that April 15 is the deadline for filing both Federal and State income tax returns, the Barnes personnel office is at the service of employees in need of the various forms required. To be requested by name or number, the following forms are available at the personnel office:

1. Form 1040 (Long Form)—U. S. Individual Tax Return.
2. Instructions for 1040 for Employees Who Earn Less Than $10,000.
3. Form 1040, Schedule B—Supplemental Schedule for Income and Credits.
4. Form 1040, Schedule C—Profit (or loss) From Business or Profession.
5. Form 1040, Schedule D—Gains and Losses From Sales or Exchanges of Property.
6. Form 1040, Schedule E—Schedules for Farm Income and Expenses.
7. Form 2120—U. S. Treasury Department Internal Revenue—Multiple Support Declaration.
8. Form 2416—Statement to Support Exclusion of Sick Pay.
9. Form 2441—Statement of Expenses for Care of Children and Certain Other Dependents.
10. Form 2442—Medical and Dental Expense Statement.
11. Form 28-10—Missouri Department of Revenue Income Tax Unit.
12. Affidavit Substantiating Claim as "Head of a Family."
Many Areas Being Renovated

There's a new look in many hospital areas today and more work is in progress as renovation and improvement continue.

Practically everyone connected with the hospital group is aware of the recent drug store renovation. Old booths have been replaced by new tables and aqua colored chairs; walls are painted in a soft pink; new window boxes hold attractive plants and flowers and fountain employees are dressed in aqua colored pinafores with white blouses. Adjacent to the drug store, new lighting is being installed throughout the lobby area. And it will be “roll out the red carpet” when lobby renovation is complete... for this is exactly what is to be underfoot when one steps through the new laminated glass entrance doors soon to be installed.

Other areas being improved include the second floor of the Rand Johnson building, now being converted from a general surgical nursing division to one that will house all patients on chest service.

Take the elevator up to the fourth floor and see the new lighting, freshly painted walls and new floors currently being installed.

Also scheduled for completion this year, is the renovation of McMillan Hospital operating suite.

In Wohl Hospital, results won't be noticeable until mid-June when new air conditioning equipment is scheduled to be turned on in the first five floors.

Much of the credit for all this work goes to members of the maintenance department, painters and electricians who have played a major role in many of the jobs.

Lost & Found Service At Personnel Office

A “Lost and Found” service to employees and others on the premises of the Barnes hospital group is provided by the Personnel Office, located just off the Barnes main lobby.

That office makes every effort to have turned-in items identified and returned to their proper owners. Items remaining unclaimed for 90 days are returned to the finders.

Praise For Service In Letters From Patients

A certain amount of discomfort and inconvenience is associated with any type of hospital convalescence. Nevertheless, proper care and treatment do diminish these unpleasantnesses and the patient can emerge from the hospital, viewing the whole experience in a favorable light. This feeling is evidenced quite frequently in mail received by the administration office from former patients who express their appreciation of the attention they received during their stay.

Typical of the remarks is this recent comment from Walter G. Staley, vice president and secretary of A. P. Green Fire Brick Co., Mexico, Mo.:

“May I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to you and your staff for the excellent care I received during the six days I was in Room 6244. I have been in hospitals many times before, but I have never known anything like the warm, friendly and cheerful attitude and the great concern for patients’ welfare and comfort that exists among your people. In spite of my disability, it was a most pleasant experience and one that I won’t soon forget.

Mrs. Bing Devine, wife of the St. Louis Cardinal general manager, paid tribute to the hospital by saying, “Want you to know how wonderful the staffs of Barnes has been to me, not just one person, but everyone. St. Louis is so lucky to have Barnes.”

Marion L. Grant, Columbia, Tenn., writes:

“Barnes is one of the most courteous and efficient hospitals— with a warm, kind, friendly touch in every phase of your splendid work.”

Another compliment comes from Stewart D. Daniels, 800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis 66, Mo.:

“While I'm not an expert on hospital administration, I do want you to know that the service and talent I experienced in my one day's stay were first class in every respect.”

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277,483 patient days of care, he said. “There were 63,128 days of ward care, where full cost is never paid by the patient and must be met in part by contributions to the hospital. Free care alone was in excess of $2,000,000, and the cost of medical and surgical care donated to ward patients by staff physicians, who are faculty members of Washington University School of Medicine, is estimated as an equal amount,” Dr. Bradley added.

The report also included a statement by Dr. Edward W. Dempsey, dean of the medical school, who listed the center's important areas of research among the great achievements in the world of medicine. They underscore the progress of a medical center, the potential of a teaching hospital where a facility of 1,300 never gives up learning while it goes on teaching,” he said.

“The association between Barnes Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine has been a long and fruitful one. We in the medical school are looking forward keenly to the future improvements and reconstruction now being planned, and will continue to play our part in this march forward,” Dean Dempsey added.
Chaplain’s Corner

By George A. Bowles

Both human thought and human action are determined very largely by a long list of four-letter, basic words. Just a few of those that are deserving of a very high place on such a list would be — care, hope, faith, kind, help, and love. As one looks at these six examples, there is the feeling they do not differ to any great extent. This is very true, for they are all concerned with the deeper insights of human character. It would be interesting mental exercise to make your own list of words that would qualify, and you would most likely find the same thing to be true.

We could pick any one of the words from the above list and find that we had a good jumping off place for a long discourse that would lead us in many worthwhile directions. We might even come out with some insights that would inspire us beyond the measures that are generally accepted in everyday living. Hope is a good example, for this is one of the greatest propelling forces of human thought and action. One must have it in great measure in order to decide that he can orbit the earth, to conquer a disease, to rear the children of a home, to assume the presidency of our land, or just to do a job well in any place that we happen to be asked to fill.

Hope is not easy to have. There are so many people who are ready and willing to place discouragement in our way. People who do not do much about developing a good supply are fearful of those who do, for this is one of those ingredients that leads to success beyond the ordinary. Hope is a connecting thread that holds together the qualities with which it comes in contact. It has a way of being selective in regard to the elements to which it wants to be related.

The art, literature, and music of the ages have given much consideration to the hope that should dwell in the human heart. The poet has spoken of it, music has expressed it, best-sellers have centered around the possession of it, and the pictures that people go across continents to see hold us in a sense of awe because they cause us to look ahead.

Hope is here to stay. It will be kept alive for everyone by those who want it.