LETTERS FROM EMPLOYEES

PRAISE SHORTEST WORK WEEK

Four Hospital Trustees
Named to Barnes Board

Five additional members have been added to the Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees. It was announced recently by Chairman Edgar M. Queen.

Their appointment increases the number of trustees to 14. The St. Louis Circuit Court recently authorized the board to increase the number from nine to 15 as an aid in meeting heavier responsibilities imposed by a proposed expansion and modernization program and establishment of a medical center.

The five, all of whom are directors and members of many civic and other enterprises, are: Irving Edison, president of Edison Stores Inc.; Robert R. Hermann, president, Standard Container Co.; Charles E. Claggett, president and chairman, Gardner Advertising Co.; Joseph E. Griesedieck, president, Falstaff Brewing Corp., and Benjamin M. Loeb, board chairman, Renard Linoleum and Rug Co.

New Vending Machines
Will Serve Employees

As a convenience to hospital personnel and visitors, coin operated machines dispensing candy, cigarettes, coffee and soda will be installed in the near future in eight scattered locations.

Exact locations have not been selected as yet. Areas under consideration are: Barnes lobby, hall between Maternity and McMillan, 2nd floor of Barnes near dispetcher, near 5200 near main kitchen in Barnes basement, McMillan basement, Wohl staff room, main floor near audiatorium and between Wohl lobby and clinics.

Final placement of the machines will depend on the availability of electricity, water supply, and drainage lines, as well as traffic patterns and convenience to those being served.

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Barnes Joining With School, Other Hospitals To Form Medical Center

Mayor Raymond R. Tucker has hailed the recent creation of the Washington University Medical School and Associated Hospitals medical center saying, “By combining their efforts these hospitals should be able to serve the St. Louis Community even more effectively than they have in the past. St. Louis’s hospitals should be able to assist in the advancement of medical research and investigation; (c) to coordinate the hospital service, the switch to the shorter week is being accomplished in phases.

The problems of getting full coverage on nursing divisions are illustrated here as Mrs. Margaret Linss, head nurse on 1200, goes over the schedule with some of her helpers. The shorter, 40-hour week takes much planning on the part of supervisors as they strive to maintain full coverage while adjusting schedules. Standing, from left, are: Helen Johnson, nurse assistant; Naomi Graham, floor technician; Dora Martin, junior nurse assistant, and Mrs. Gladys Scherrer, secretary. Because of the administrative problems of seven-day-a-week, 24-hours-a-day service, the switch to the shorter week is being accomplished in phases.

The objects, purposes and functions of the center are: (a) to improve the knowledge, teaching and practice of medicine and related subjects; (b) to assist in the advancement of medical research and investigation; (c) to coordinate the hospital service, the switch to the shorter week is being accomplished in phases.

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GIFTS OF CARPET, LIGHTS

The continuing modernization of Barnes can be seen in the lobby with completion of the light installation and the laying of a, 15x70-foot bright red rug.

The carpet, which serves as a cheerful welcome mat for anyone entering the hospital, was the gift of Chemstrand Corporation and is made of Acrylic acrylic fiber. The urethane foam underlay was presented to the hospital by the Mobay Chemical Company.

Lighting fixtures were a gift from Emerson Electric Company's Day-Brite Division.

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The energy program’s inception and warfare... continued.

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...for...the...drug...department.

...her...career...at...Barnes.

...as...a...student...nurse...assistant.

...for...the...head...nurse...assistant.

...as...enrolled...in...the...eight-week...training...program.

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...of...these...students...work...under...the...direction...of...Mrs....Bertha...Beckwith.

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...and...the...old...clinic...existed...then,”

...while...vacationing...there.

...Dr. Edward Condon,...Dr. Edwin...F....Gildea,...Dr....Gildea,...Dr....Robins,...Dr....Gildea,...Wallace...Renard...

...as...well...as...amazement...because...she...too...had...a...hand...in...the...making...of...Barnes.

**Drug Room Employee Holds Record of 41 Years Service With Hospital**

Emma Math, a lively, gray-haired clerk who works in Wohl Clinics drug room, can probably document the development of Barnes Hospital more vividly than anyone else now employed here.

The reason: She has been working for the hospital over 41 years and has witnessed the sporadic growth of each medical unit as it became a part of the hospital complex.

“I’ve enjoyed every moment of my 41-year stay at Barnes,” says Emma, “and I’ll continue working as long as they let me.”

She has the important job of packaging and storing enormous supplies of drugs that are used by clinic patients. The assignment is an important one in that orderly pre-packaging and shelving of drugs is a requisite for keeping a steady stream of medication flowing through the dispensing station.

“Emma does an excellent job in handling these items,” according to W. E. Williams, chief druggist. “She has been a loyal and faithful worker, and the drug service has profited immensely from her conscientious efforts.”

Every two hours, Emma, ever conscientious, is always here to carry out her daily duties.

Emma started her career at the hospital in January, 1921, working in the record office. Four years later she was transferred to the drug department, where she remained on full-time duty until March of 1961, when she voluntarily decided to work on a semi-retired basis.

Residing at 4486 Vista Ave., the affable clerk spends her leisure hours “cooking, sewing and raising African violets.”

For many years she belonged to the Eastern Star, has been chairman of the department since 1942. In 1948, he initiated the opening of the first in-patient psychiatric service...and...through...his...efforts...the...100-bed...Renard...Hospital...was...constructed...in...1953...Dr....Gildea...will...contribute...to...be...Renard...Professor...until...1965...and...will...use...the...greater...leisure...afforded...by...his...new...appointment...to...further...his...research...and...for...travel...as...a...guest...lecturer.
Careful observers have often indicated that our moods are affected by the changing of the seasons as they come and go during a calendar year. This is an interesting observation, for it means that in the great plan of creation the changing year has purposes that are beyond the generally accepted purposes of the production of food and plants that supply the materials that are needed for clothing and housing. We should know that the season has purposes that reach beyond the realm of necessity, for we have the production of a rose and a lily.

We are coming into a season of the year that should produce a good mood toward life. The attitudes we develop should be influenced by the coming of spring. We are reminded, more than at any other time of the year, of the unfolding nature of life. Early in the morning we see neighbors bending over to see if the plants of winter are showing any green. In traveling through the countryside we see the farmer turning the soil to make ready for new seeds that are to be planted.

One could say that he cares nothing for flowers and small garden plants, and that he does not make his living by farming, it this does not change the fact that growth is taking place all about us. The observer who would try to rule out this fact would find it rather difficult.

Growth never stops in the natural realm, and it should not in the individual. There are times in the midst of winter when it seems that all plants have withered away, but this is nothing more than a part of the process of growth. Members of the human family have their times of rest and relaxation also, but these important periods should not be over-worked. A great process takes care of the balance of activity of the plant. A far greater plan is given to individuals, for we are given the freedom to work out this balance for ourselves.

Some will immediately respond to this idea by referring to the fact that this is hard to do, for we have to live within the limits of certain rules and regulations of the law and the job. Our ability to adjust to the regulations, or limits, is determined by the extent to which we are able to grow.

Promotions Announced For Barnes Employees

Promotion of 19 employees during the period March 22 through April 17 has been announced by the personnel office.

Advancing to junior nurse assistant from student nurse assistant are: Jacqueline Williams, Shirley Ann Crawford, Patricia Sanders and Breeder French.

Newly named nurse assistants from junior nurse assistants are: Eunice Martin, Geraldine Thomas, Arzena Leonard, Alice Keys, Patrice Jackson and Billy J. Cleveland.

Other promotions include: Floy Moore and Wanda Root to head nurse, Sandra Woltenbough and Edna J. Pearson to assistant head nurse, Max Abernathy to chief technician, Edward Scott to equipment technician, Effie Stubbs to technician, Kirk Campbell to orderlies and Phillip Winberry to elevator starter.

Promotions to staff employees include: Barbara Wendlandt, Robert Safford, Miss Patricia Evans, Miss Marlene Block and Miss Patricia Bollinger. Mrs. Gruber, incidentally, is beginning her 23rd year as a volunteer.

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Better Patient Service Provided With Special Nursing Care Unit

An eight-bed, special care unit for post-operative neurosurgical patients recently has been added on the third floor of Wohl Hospital. The unit, believed to be the first of its kind in the local area, came into being through plans by Dr. Frank R. Bradley, hospital director; Dr. Henry G. Schwartz, chief of the neurosurgical department and professor of neurosurgery, and the work of maintenance and engineering department employees.

Formerly occupied by dressing, treatment and utility rooms, the area will be used for patients undergoing major neurosurgical operations. Special nursing care will be given until the physician determines the patient has recovered to a point where less intensive care is needed.

The unit will enable patients to receive more individual nursing care, without the cost of around-the-clock special nurses. Each bed is equipped with individual blood pressure equipment, and has oxygen and air available through pipes built into the walls.

Staffed by a registered nurse, two students, an orderly and two nurse assistants, the unit is under the direction of Wohl Hospital Head Nurse Leon Johnson.

In the construction process, existing partitions were demolished and new floors and ceilings installed. Also built by Barnes staff were the birch storage and medicine cabinets, a large built-in stainless steel sterile supply storage cabinet, and doctors' and nurses' desks with a special revolving chart holder, which is counter-sunk in the desk top.

DEPUTY'S OFFICE MOVED

Deputy Director Harry E. Pahor has moved from offices in the Wohl Clinics to Barnes Hospital. His new location is west of, and adjacent to, the office of the director. The new extension number is 3873.
Birthdays, Special Events Marked By Tribute Fund

The tribute fund committee of the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary reports that 73 donations for a variety of occasions have been received since the auxiliary began sponsoring the fund in mid-December.

"Gifts to the fund," Mrs. Simon Edison, fund chairman, states, "help support cancer and heart programs and assist your hospital in the purchase of ancillary materials for needy patients."

Both Mrs. Edison and her co-chairman, Mrs. Betty Driemeyer, feel that tributes, in addition to memorial gifts, should be made for joyous occasions. The list of contributions bears out this contention, with days of birth, anniversaries and hospital recoveries being remembered through tributes. In addition, gifts have been made in honor of individuals and special occasions, such as Christmas.

Envelopes for anyone wishing to donate to the fund are available from the auxiliary's desk in the Barnes lobby, the auxiliary office, Mrs. Edison or Mrs. Driemeyer.

Max Abernathy, for six years a lab technician, last month was promoted to chief laboratory technician of Wohl Clinics. The 30-year old father of eight, including two sets of twins, attended Sumner High School, Stowe Teachers College and Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technique. He will supervise 13 employees as they go about their day-to-day jobs of routine and special lab procedures for clinic patients. One of the major points of responsibility, Max says, is maintaining pleasant relations with the patients.

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personnel office and pharmacy.

Cynthia Voelke, an interviewer in the personnel office, in part, wrote to the administration saying, "I feel this move to progress will not only benefit the hospital group in the light of patient services given, but will also benefit the employees in their private lives, enabling them to devote more time to their families, homes and to bettering themselves."

In July employees in the private doctors' office, medical records and security will make the transition. Dietary, telephone and housekeeping are scheduled in October for the shorter week. By next January admitting, information, business

and administration offices, anesthesia non-professionals, dispatch and elevators, optical shop, laboratory (other than technicians), purchasing, stores and printing, IBM and activity therapy workers will start the shorter week.

When the change-over is completed, all employees below the level of department head, and a few other stipulated positions, will be on the 40-hour week.

The Barnes laundry processes enough linen to supply the needs of a community of 35,000 people.

Barnes Auxiliary Reports On Volunteers, Annual Meeting

Another bumper crop of candystripe volunteers will be on tap when the summer vacation season rolls around, the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary reports. More than 100 new applications have been received from teen-agers who want to volunteer their services.

The auxiliary also reports that their new room, behind the chapel and next to the doctors' office, was formally christened April 24. Kudos were acclaimed for the maintenance department for repairs and painting of the room and for individuals who donated furnishings.

Plans for the auxiliary's annual meeting on May 4 have been made. Election of officers and a fashion show will highlight the program to be held at Old Warson Country Club.

For the second time in a month the face of Barnes has been marked with a drilling rig. Information gained from the most recent sub-surface investigation will tell architects what kind of foundations to design for the proposed Tower Building which will replace the Private Pavilion. Sidewalk superintendents, discussing the future "new look," are Mrs. Gladys Gunness, associate director nursing service; Mrs. Doris Hackel, admitting officer, and John M. Beyer, assistant director.

A check for $625 for a partial, three-year scholarship to the Barnes School of Nursing was presented recently by members of the Zonta Club of St. Louis County. Miss Barbara Bante, recipient last year of a similar award, looks on as Nursing Director Ann Campbell accepts the check from Mrs. Frank R. Bradley, president of Zonta, and Mrs. Ethel Hicks, service chairman. In addition, the club presented a $50 check to be awarded the outstanding June graduate.