KNOW YOUR HOSPITAL HISTORY
by
The Director's Office

On many occasions, we have been requested by employees, visitors, and patients to furnish information concerning the history of Barnes Hospital and affiliated institutions. 'Who was Mr. Barnes? What is the connection between the Medical School and Hospitals? Who appoints Trustees and what is their function? What does the Methodist Church have to do with the hospital?' These are but a few of the questions asked in this office every week.

In this and following issues of THE HOSPITAL RECORD, these and similar questions will be answered. If, at the conclusion of these articles, you have a question concerning the history of these institutions, submit it in writing to the Personnel Office, who will secure the answer for publication in a subsequent issue of THE HOSPITAL RECORD.

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ROBERT A. BARNES was born in Washington, D.C. on November 29, 1808. His father died when he was 13 years old and he went to live with an uncle in Kentucky where he received only a common school education though in after years he became well informed on many subjects by extensive reading.

In 1830, he moved to St. Louis, which he made his permanent home. Fifteen years later he married Louise de Mun, daughter of a prominent St. Louis family. She was of the Catholic faith; he, a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Their only children, a son and a daughter, died in infancy.

When Mr. Barnes arrived in St. Louis, he obtained a position in a mercantile house at $25.00 a month, with the privilege of sleeping in the store. When he entered this employment, he is reported to have said, 'If I am ever to get ahead, I must sometime begin to get ahead and now is the time to begin; and I determined that year to save $100 which I did and put at interest and felt myself a capitalist; and every year during the rest of my life I always came out ahead.'

The first $1,000 he accumulated, he applied to clearing off an incumbrance his father had left upon his little property and relieving the family of all debt.

When Mr. Barnes contemplated going into business for himself, he consulted his uncle and received this reply: 'Robert, you are on the ground, I am not. If you haven't gumption enough to decide whether you ought to go into the business, you won't have gumption enough to run it after you are in.' Relating the incident to a friend a few years before his death, Mr. Barnes said, 'I then became impressed with the fact that I had to 'hoe my own row', and I determined to do it. I wrote to my uncle, thanking him for his good counsel and never afterwards asked any man's advice in matters of business, but always acted on my own judgment.' His whole business life was characterized by industry, energy, economy and integrity, and coming out ahead (as he expressed it) every year, he soon took rank among the leading merchants and financiers of the city. In the short period of ten years, he became the president of the State Bank, holding that position for 26 years, and was stockholder and officer in various business corporations.

(To be continued)

THOSE WHO GET ABOUT

Mrs. LILLIAN GERLING, checker in our cafeteria for several years, has been granted 3 months leave of absence to stay with her grandchildren in Glendale, Calif, while her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henniger, make an extended trip to London, England.

Maternity welcomes MARGARET WEBER'S return. She recently completed a 2-months' Postgraduate Course in premature care at Margaret Hague Hospital in New Jersey.

Dietitian visits Dietitian! MARLENE HUNTER, dietitian, plans to see her sister who is also a dietitian, this weekend in Indianapolis.
Those Who Get About

Mrs. Alice Kelly, Asst. Housekeeper, returned Monday from a visit with her mother in Minnesota. Do you suppose that their weather could be any wetter than it has been here?

ILLNESSES

In this issue the names of those with ailments have been omitted. It tends to undermine the morale of us hospital employees who can’t be home sick, too.

P.S. BERTHA TYSON, Pharmacy, wishes to thank the Drug Store Personnel for the ‘get well’ cards she received when in People’s Hospital.

CUPID’S COLUMN

LOIS EZELL, floor secretary, was the guest of honor at a party given by DORIS KOERT, Radiology. Purpose: To announce her forthcoming marriage to Howard Goepner.

MARCELLA WHITTAKER, Nurse attendant, McMillan, was married recently, and recommends it highly.

Last Saturday evening, a doctor took a wife. LIBBY SHANLEY, formerly in the Personnel Office, became the wife of Dr. Thomas Ferguson, Tulsa, Okla. Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson will reside in Durham, N.C. while Dr. Ferguson serves his internship at Duke Hospital.

ROBERT WINGO, Main Kitchen porter, acquired a Mrs. and Barnes acquired a new employee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wingo are now working in the Dietary Dept.

Maternity Hospital announces two of Cupid’s Protegés - JENNIE SWALM, Radiology, and RUTH BURGER, Pharmacy.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES TWO OF CUPID’S PROTEGES

JOAN JOHNSON, nurse, and THERESA GUTGESELL, supervisor of Maternity Nursing, Miss Johnson accepted a ‘sparkler’ on Jan. 7. Miss GUTGESELL plans to tie the knot on Valentine’s Day.

ON THE SCENE

The Clinic Record Room has five new initiates. They are JUNE BRYAN, BRONIA LAUFFER, LAURA PORTLOW, BEVERLY BEEDLE, and AUDREY SHIELDS.


Brrr! It was during that cold spell that the MAINTENANCE DEPT. revamped the ice plant.

Parties seem to be a steady diet with the McMillanites. Mrs. Knowles, Associate Director, threw a surprise party for JANE McGUIRE, McM. Admitting, who is moving with her family to Memphis, and for METHYL ANN TEAGARTEN, McM. Admitting, who is planning her marriage in the fall to LEON ROGERS, Accounting.

Mrs. DEE SCHEER, nurse, who recently transferred to Maternity Admitting, bought a gorgeous new pair of red snow boots. For her sake only, do we hope this bad weather continues.

No one can tear NANCY VINYARD, dietitian, away from the new dishwashing machine installed in Maternity.

Mrs. VIRGINIA ROYCE, nurse and wife of Dr. Robert Royce, started a new career as McMillan Admitting Officer last Monday.

WILMA HENSTENBERG, secretary in the Nursing Office, HERMIE LAUSE, McM. Cashier, and NANCY GAMMON will soon be saying ‘So Long’. Good luck, gals.

LOST

School pin - St. John’s Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Initials on the back ‘N.H.Z.’. If found notify Mrs. David, 8200.

FOUND: Two purses in clinic lunch room. Inquire at lunch counter in clinic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marguerite Brooks 1
Emmit Brooks 2
Emmett Brooks 3
Alma Johnson 4
Betty Tauber 5
Helen Gerber 6
Bud Williams 7
Jessie Kitchens 8
Warren Arnold 9
Jennie Swalm 10
Alfred Kennedy 11
Alma Stevenson 12
Harriett Moeller 13
Leona Mirielli 14
Joan Sellenrick 15
Rachel Porter 16
Juanita Essex 17
Mary Donavan 18
Matilda Katterhenry 19
Ella Maurer 20
Milus Lockhart 21
Mary Thompson 22
Lucy Walker 23
Gladys Gardner 24
Irmma Hanning 25
Lorella Trimble 26
Margaret Hosto 27
Ethel Lee 28
Margaret Daves 29
Isobel Hultz 30
Dorothy Brock 31
Henry Unger 32
Elmer Alberty 33
Rachel Schleifer 34
Irene Pappas 35

JOKES

‘Do you think the Dept. Head will see me now?’
‘Certainly, Madam; the Dept. Head always has time to see pretty girls.’
‘Well, tell him his wife is here.’

‘There’s a boy called John Simpson working here. May I see him? I’m his grandfather.’
‘You’ve just missed him. He’s gone to your funeral.’