"DEFENSE IS YOUR JOB TOO!"

Labor Day, September 3, marked the beginning of the first nation-wide Defense Bond drive launched by the Treasury Department. This all-out drive will extend through October 27.

The Defense Bond Program gives every American the opportunity to share directly in strengthening the economic power of our nation. Overseas are many young men fighting to defend us and the way of life that means so much to all of us. That is why defense is our job, too! The best way we can help is by the regular purchase of United States Defense Bonds. And, do not forget that dollars put aside for personal savings are dollars taken out of the commodity market - dollars which otherwise could bid up prices of scarce goods and services, and add to the difficulty of controlling inflation.

The Payroll Savings Plan enables you to sign a card authorizing the hospital to withhold a certain portion of your wages. When the sum withheld equals the purchase price of a bond, the hospital obtains the bond in the employee's name and sees that it is delivered to him.

Applications for the purchase of Defense Bonds are available in the Personnel Office. Deductions are made from the check which comes out on the sixth of each month.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARIANS CONVENCES IN ST. LOUIS

The 23rd Annual Conference of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians was held in St. Louis from September 16th to September 21st. The meetings were held at Kiel Auditorium and the Sheraton Hotel. The topics of discussion included: Public Relations, Medical Ethics, Personnel Relations, Training of Medical Record Librarians, Civil Defense, Standard Nomenclature, Insurance Problems, Medical Statistics, and Medical Legal Problems. The House of Delegates was in session on September 18, and the mornings of September 19 and 20. The joint session of the American Hospital Association and the American Association of Medical Record Librarians was held on September 19.

Open house in the Medical Record Department of Barnes Hospital and Washington University Clinics took place on Tuesday evening, September 18. MRS. VIOLA CHENEY, Director of the Medical Record Department, was Chairman of Social Events, and MISS MARIE ZIMMERMANN, Medical Record Librarian of Barnes Hospital, was in charge of the Hospitality Committee.

CROSSEN-CAMPBELL BOOK PUBLISHED

Congratulations to DR. ROBERT JAMES CROSSEN, Assistant Professor of OB-GYN in the Washington University School of Medicine and a member of the staff at Barnes and St. Louis Maternity Hospitals, and MISS ANN CAMPBELL, Superintendent of Nurses of the Barnes Hospital group, on the publication of the textbook which they co-authored.

Published by the Mosby Publishing Company, and entitled "Gynecologic Nursing," this book will be used in training student nurses.

and are made only once a month. The minimum deduction is $3.75 per month.
AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
IN ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER 14 - 21.

The Jefferson Hotel and Kiel Auditorium
were the scene from September 14 to 21 of
the National Convention of the American
Hospital Association.

Discussions on topics of particular in-
terest to the delegates were conducted
daily. DR. FRANK BRADLEY conducted a
forum on “Anesthesia as a Nursing Func-
tion” on Monday, September 17, and on
Wednesday, September 19, presided at a
sectional meeting devoted to the subject
of “Nursing Service.”

Barnes Hospital was host during the con-
vention at a series of breakfasts held on
the roof of the Rand-Johnson Building. On
September 17, guests were members of the
Association of University Programs in
Hospital Administration. On September 18,
members of the Methodist Board of Hos-
pitals and Homes were entertained, and the
next day graduates of the Course in Hos-
pital Administration of Washington Uni-
versity were guests.

Throughout the week of the convention, the
hospitals and clinics of the Barnes group
were open to visitors from throughout the
nation who took time out from their heav-
ily packed schedules to tour our world-
famous medical center.

GRADUATING NURSING SENIORS HONORED
AT BREAKFAST

The Barnes Hospital Cafeteria was the
scene on Friday, September 14, of a break-
fast honoring the Class of September, 1948
in the Washington University School of
Nursing.

At the conclusion of the breakfast, guests
adjourned to the lounge of the Nurses’
Residence where approximately twenty-five
of the young women, wearing their new
white uniforms for the first time, re-
ceived their class pins in a simple cere-
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MISS VESTA HAMRICK, who has recently been
promoted to the position of Assistant
Director of Nurses in Maternity Hospital.

KNOW YOUR STAFF

MISS VESTA HAMRICK, new Assistant Director
of Nurses in Maternity Hospital, describes
herself as a “country girl in the big
city”. Born in Choctaw Indian Territory,
she had a childhood which would be the
envy of many modern youngsters. Her
father’s farm was located in the midst of
the territory which we now know as Okla-
homa, and she and her brothers and sisters
grew up among the Choctaws. Some of her
most vivid recollections of her younger
days center about the colorful Indian
ceremonies at which they were spectators.

It was in 1928 that she left home despite
her parents’ objections to enter nurses’
training. Miss Hamrick recalls that in
those days following a nursing career just
“wasn’t the thing to do,” which accounted
in part for the furor her decision
caused. She received her training at
Washington University School of Nursing
and has been on the staff at Maternity
Hospital ever since her graduation. She
has seen many changes occur in the inter-
vening years, one of the greatest of which
took place when Barnes Hospital assumed
the operation of Maternity in 1945.

Miss Hamrick started her career at Matern-
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THE MEDICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT

Did you know that 25,425 patients were discharged in 1950, and that this group of patients received 264,409 days of hospital service? In the Barnes Hospital group the average number of patients per day was 724, and the average length of stay was 10.4 days. The yearly death rate was 1.85 per cent in 1950; the autopsy rate was 69.9 per cent. From daily computations made by the Medical Record Department these monthly and yearly statistical reports of hospital service are prepared.

A medical record and a name card are set up for each patient admitted to Barnes, McMillan, St. Louis Maternity Hospitals, and Washington University Clinics. The name card is the key to locating the record and to any new admissions. The Medical Record Department receives the medical record upon discharge of the patient from the hospital, and upon admission of the patient to the Clinics. A unit medical record number is given each record by the Medical Record Department. The record is then analyzed and tabulated as to service, doctor, infection, consultation, deaths, autopsies, days of hospital service, race, religion, sex, and condition of patient upon discharge.

After analysis and tabulation, the medical record is moved to the Interns’ Record Room for completion of the discharge summary, final diagnosis and code numbers of disease and operation. All reports of x-ray, laboratory, pathology, operative, etc., which did not reach the record before discharge of the patient, are filed into the medical record.

The next step in processing of the record is handled in the Annex - a part of the Medical Record Department occupying the new quarters on the second floor in Barnes. Here the diagnostic work is checked for accuracy in numeral codes according to the Standard Nomenclature of Disease and Operation. Cases are cross-filed to insure future requests for studies made by physicians. Diagnostic work at Barnes is handled by the I.B.M. tabulation of the record. The new Electronic Statistical Sorter assures speed in obtaining the records according to disease and operation.

After completion of diagnostic work, the medical record is prepared for permanent filing, the final name card is completed, and the record is returned to the Central Record Room.

Varied requests are made to the department for information concerning the hospitalization of patients. This is a service department designed to meet the needs of doctors, the various departments of the hospital, insurance companies, lawyers, social service agencies, referring physicians, etc.

The keynote of the department is the availability of the medical record, for the patient’s record is the tangible evidence of the quality and quantity of medical care received by the patient.

In the event that the patient is readmitted to the hospital, the medical record of the previous hospitalization is sent to the division. In this manner a unit history is maintained on all patients, thereby giving a complete medical picture. Our records date back to 1911. All records through 1940 have been microfilmed and can be viewed in the Medical Record Department by means of a projector.

Secretaries on surgery, medicine, neuropsychiatry, ear, nose, throat, and eye surgery also comprise the personnel of the department. Accurate descriptions of operative procedures are essential to a good medical record. Reports must be dictated and signed by the physician. Summaries of hospitalization are required to complete the medical record on the medical, neuro-
MERIAM KIDWELL and FLORENCE BUCHMILLER are shown at the I.B.M. Statistical sorter and the Diagnostic File while CARRIE ROWE transcribes medical dictation.

In the Surgical Dictation Department, 4th Floor Barnes, MAE DE WITT, JAMES SHARP and MARY LOU KIEFFER schedule operations and transcribe the many operative reports.

The team in Maternity Medical Record Department consists of FRANCES WOODWARD, MARGARET CORNI and ANNE BERNSEN.
ANGELA HOLLIS and BETTY HARMS keep things moving in the Washington University Pediatrics Clinic Record Department.

surgery, chest, and neuro-psychiatric services.

The Maternity Record Room maintains all phases of the medical record in the specialty of Obstetrics and New Borns. Here the important function of birth certificates is handled; the completion of records and tabulation of statistics is carried out.

In the Washington University Clinics Medical Record Department the picture of the medical record changes. Wherever the patient goes for medical care in the hospital block, the medical record must go. The patient may be going to one or two of the twenty-nine clinics and to X-ray on the same day. Records may be needed in Emergency, the many divisions of the hospital, in Social Service, or in Physical Therapy. It is this current element of the clinic record which increases the volume of records pulled and filed daily as high as 1500. A monthly tabulation of records "not found" is maintained in the department. Out of 25,000 records requested in August, only 11 were not available for clinics. In addition to problems of traffic and transport of records, the department handles many reports for physicians, welfare agencies, insurance companies, and lawyers. The page service is
part of the Medical Record Department; here requests are made for wheelchairs, x-ray films, hospital records, and pediatric records. The pages make as many as 60 trips per day throughout the block.

The clinic record is used, as is the hospital record, for analysis of service rendered in Washington University Clinics. The medical record reveals the number of visits made to the clinics per patient, the number of referrals to other departments, the time element in completing the patient’s work, and an evaluation of the medical care given the patient. Here also is handled the follow-up work on positive findings found in diagnostic laboratory and x-ray.

Last but least only in size (10 ft. by 14 ft.), is the Pediatric Record Room. In addition to routine procedures, the personnel register and handle clinic fees of all pediatric patients, make appointments, record laboratory data, file, pull, and distribute records to clinics.

The growth and development of the Medical Record Department of the Barnes group is due to the loyalty and perseverance of the staff of 60 members. It is through their efforts and their cooperation with the two chief medical record librarians, MARIE ZIMMERMANN, R.R.L. of Barnes, and MARGARET CEVELY of Washington University Clinics, that the volume of work can be handled.

The correlation of the two departments is handled by MRS. VIOLA CHENEY, R.R.L., who serves as Director of the Medical Record Department. In this unique set-up, the round work is being laid for a central department housing unit medical records to include both clinic and hospital care.

Oscar Levant remarked when his servants forgot to pass out napkins at a recent buffet supper: “It’s on account of war shortages. Instead of napkins, from time to time a wooly dog will pass among you.”

BARNES PERSONALITY

HELEN PETTY, pictured here making rounds armed with her trusty flashlight, is well-known by all the members of our night staff. A Barnes Hospital employee since 1932, Mrs. Petty has recently taken over her new duties as Assistant Night Supervisor of Nurses.

A product of the great mid-west, Mrs. Petty was born in DuQuoin, Illinois, and grew up in Pinckneyville, Illinois, as one of nine children. She and her younger sister, who is also a registered nurse, are the only ones of the nine who did not wind up teaching school, although Mrs. Petty did take a fling at teaching for a time in the grade school at Carbondale. They had to overcome parental objections in order to enter nursing school, but they finally succeeded and eventually both graduated from our own Washington University School of Nursing.

After graduation Mrs. Petty worked for a while at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, and then for short periods of time at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Vanderbilt University Hospitals at Nashville, Tennessee. When she returned to the Medical Center she worked on the

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On August 17, Administration knocked the Medicine Men back in a close game, 11-10. "MASTER" MENENDEZ hurled for the victors and came through with 4 hits, including a round-tripper. "THE MAGNIFICENT" DESMOND starred at the bat, getting 4 for 4. LIEBERMAN, Medicine, was credited with 2 of their 7 hits.

In a very tight game on August 24, Administration again defeated Medicine by a score of 7-6 in eight innings, "MASTER" MENENDEZ being credited with the victory. ROSS, CIAMPA, SHANEWISE, and WELLS accounted for 8 of the 11 hits for Medicine. Star of the Game goes to JOHN "DUFFER" KEPPEL who, in the last of the eighth inning, drove in the winning run.

In the game on August 31, Administration defeated Neuro, 7-2. SIMPSON hurled for Neuro and collected 2 hits and a walk off CHILTON. The Administration team was partially indebted for their victory to DR. GEORGE "MUSCLES" TRIMBLE, for without him in right field, their victory would surely have turned to defeat. Swinging from his heels, he drove deep into left field for a circuit clout.

As of this writing, a Little World Series is in progress, with the best 2 out of 3 games for play-off champs.

The first game of the series on September 7 gave Medicine a 5-3 victory over Administration. GIESELMAN, the immovable first baseman for Medicine, helped the cause considerably by belting 4 hits. WEBB, HYATT, WELLS and HARRINGTON each collected 2 safeties. HASSOS made a fine catch in right center to rob CHILTON, Administration, of a sure double.

HEHNER collected 3 solid blows and "FUZZY" UNGERER repeated with 2 hits. We thank HARRY PANHORST for his fine calling of balls, strikes, and fielding plays.

MENENDEZ went down in bitter defeat, not only being charged with the loss, but also falling down in the hitting column, 0 out of 4, as did "THE MAGNIFICENT" and CHILTON.

The SPORTSCOPE will carry the final results of this Little World Series in the next edition of the HOSPITAL RECORD.

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ity Hospital as a general duty nurse on the fifth floor where she worked on the evening shift for about three years. She also spent some time in the Delivery Room before being promoted to Head Nurse on 200 Maternity. During World War II she was Night Supervisor, and in 1945, became a rotating supervisor, the position she held until she assumed her duties as Assistant Director of Nurses on August 20 of this year. She lives in the Nurses' Residence and admits that she has become very attached to the Barnes Medical Center in the course of the years she has spent here.

She reads a lot, mostly non-fiction, and loves to do all kinds of fancy handwork to the accompaniment of some of the more gruesome murder stories on the radio. Woodcraft is one of her favorite hobbies - believe it or not! Proof of her skill can be found in some of the furnishings in her room over at the Residence. Her favorite sport is horseback riding. She is planning to take some night courses at Washington University shortly. With her new position, her many hobbies, and the aforementioned evening classes, Miss Hamrick should manage to keep pretty busy this fall!

Civil service is something you get in restaurants between wars.
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mony presided over by MISS LOUISE KNAPP, Director of the School of Nursing.

These same girls will also participate in the formal graduation exercises to be held on the campus of Washington University next June. They have all earned the heartiest congratulations of everyone on the successful completion of their difficult three-year training period.

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day shift on 1100 nursing division and then transferred to 1418. In January, 1933, she went on night duty and declares now that she would not want to work any other.

She is married to MR. THOMAS JOHN PETTY whom she met while teaching school at Carbondale. Her favorite pastimes are reading, crocheting, and ball games. To relax, she has found that there is nothing like working with a jig-saw puzzle.

She has all our best wishes for success in her new job and we hope that she will be making her familiar rounds for another nineteen years.

ELEANOR WRIGHT is the newest addition to Barnes Admitting. She was promoted to her new job as Executive Assistant in that Department from Head Nurse in the Barnes Nursing Department. --- We wish to express our sympathy to MARIE BOLTON of Maternity Nursing in the death of her father. --- Welcome to CATHERINE CHAMPLAIN, new Accounts Payable Clerk, who joined our staff earlier this month. She is the wife of LEONARD CHAMPLAIN of Maintenance. --- We want to welcome all the new people in Barnes Medical Record Department: FLORENCE BUCHMILLER, JEAN O’SULLIVAN, EVELYN BRUCE, CARRIE ROWE, JEAN HACKMAN, MARY RICHARDSON and MARTHA WILLIAMS. --- Everyone around the hospital hated to say goodbye to DR. FEVZI RENDA, a Fellow in Medicine, who is returning to his native Turkey after a four year stay at Barnes. During the time he spent here, he became well-known and liked by all of us, and asks that we thank everyone for the many kindnesses shown him while he was one of us.

Congratulations and best wishes to MR. and MRS. ARTHUR LAYNE on their recent marriage. Mrs. Layne was NELLIE YOUNG of Barnes O.R. before her wedding. --- Another Nursing employee who now answers to the name of MRS. is JANE ANN STEWART who married Washington University Medical Student, WILLIAM DALE SAWYER on August 25. --- DOROTHY GREEN, Nursing Supervisor in Barnes, was honored guest at a surprise party given her by some of the other supervisors. Mrs. Green, who is the wife of Medical Student H. D. GREEN, will be leaving us soon to await the arrival of a new member to the Green household. --- It was certainly nice to see STEVE IVAES, former Fountain Manager, when he dropped in for a visit a few weeks ago. Steve has gotten himself a pretty new wife since leaving Barnes. He also reports that his brother NICK, who also was a Fountain employee, is now playing with RALPH FLANNAGAN’s orchestra.

Any home built at present prices is truly a home of the brave!
DO YOU REMEMBER ---

when a typical ward in Barnes Hospital looked like the one pictured above? In this scene on one of the women’s divisions taken at Christmas time back in 1918, when the hospital was only four years old, it will be noted that long hair and bed-caps were quite in vogue!

Doctor: “Believe me that medicine really is powerful. It’s the best stuff we’ve had for the liver for a long time. Really make you peppy.”

Patient: “Can you give me any references? I mean people who have taken the medicine and had good results?”

Doctor: “My uncle took this liver medicine for five years, but he died last month.”

Patient: “Oh, I see.”

Doctor: “But they had to beat his liver with a stick for two days after he died before they could kill it.”

Daffynition of a baby: An alimentary canal with a loud voice on one end and no sense of responsibility on the other.

Then there was the fellow who had a hobby of collecting stones and putting them in his bathroom. He had rocks in his head.

An Idaho hermit, 90 years old, has never seen an automobile. He doesn’t know what’s missing him!

Hostess: “Our dog is just like one of the family.”

Bored Visitor: “Which one?”