Miss Barbara Boehme, junior student in the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, wears her crown as Student Queen against a background of couples dancing. The occasion was the Valentine Mixer held by the students in the Lounge of the nurses' residence on Saturday night, February 16.
AHA MIDYEAR CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The Midyear Conference of Presidents and Secretaries was held by the American Hospital Association on February 4 and 5 in the Palmer House, Chicago. Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of Barnes and affiliated hospitals, attended the Conference as a member of the Committee on Nominations for president of the AHA, and Mr. H. E. Panhorst, Associate Director, attended in his capacity as President of the Missouri Hospital Association.

The two-day meeting consisted chiefly of working conferences, with groups organized to discuss selected programs. Reports were given by each working conference group during the general session, with discussion following each report. The President’s Reception, the only social function in connection with the conference, was held in the Palmer House Crystal Room on the afternoon of Monday, February 4.

STUDENT-GRADUATE BASKETBALL GAME

Nursing students and graduates will compete in their annual basketball game on March 1 at 8:00 p. m. in the Women’s Gym at Washington University. Those who are fortunate enough to have attended previous games between these groups will recall that it is usually quite an hilarious event.

Tickets to the game are $1.00 each, with proceeds going into the Treasury of the

REHABILITATION INSTITUTE NOW A REALITY

A $675,000 rehabilitation institute to serve disabled persons in the St. Louis area, long a dream for the Medical Center, will be constructed in the near future. The new building will face Euclid Avenue, between McMillan Hospital and the Washington University Clinics.

The institute will be named for the late Mrs. Irene Johnson, principal donor of funds, and will be directed by Dr. Robert E. Shank, professor of Preventive Medicine. In addition to work with patients, the institute will train personnel in rehabilitation procedures, develop new methods of treatment, and carry on an active research program on chronic disabilities. It will also house the departments of Physical and Occupational Therapy which presently occupy other space in the Center.

Treatment offered in the rehabilitation institute will be chiefly for patients with hemiplegia, paraplegia, heart disabilities, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, alcoholism, and speech and hearing difficulties.

The new building will be a two-story reinforced concrete structure with provisions for later addition of more floors. A federal grant of $114,000 under terms of the Hill-Burton Act will assist in making the construction possible. Other support for teaching programs has come from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. Irene Johnson, who died in 1954, was the widow of St. Louis shoe manufacturer Oscar Johnson. Mr. Johnson will be remembered as principal donor for the Oscar Johnson Institute.

Student Nurses Association. If you want an unusual evening’s entertainment, watch the “Ole Timers” as they try to give basketball lessons to the “young’uns”!
Dr. Thelma Buckthorp pauses for a quiet moment in her room on Private Pavilion. She probably holds the record for the greatest number of patient admissions in the Medical Center... she has been admitted for treatment 47 times, beginning when she was a student at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of Barnes and affiliated hospitals, was a freshman classmate, but Dr. Buckthorp did not graduate from medical school until 1930 because of illness.

The majority of Dr. Buckthorp's admissions to the hospital have stemmed from blood chemistry and allergy conditions, and her hospital stays on the whole have been comparatively short. However, she has undergone surgery several times, and on many occasions has stilled pre-operative fears among other patients by relating to them the humorous aspects she manages to find in her own first-hand experiences. She is an entertaining conversationalist, and loves talking with people. Pickles are her favorite food... she likes them sweet, sour, dill, kosher, bread and butter, country style, or any other way.

Dr. Buckthorp is head of the State Department of Health office in Scott County, and resides at 612 Taylor, Sikeston, Missouri.
(Editor’s Note: The following poem was submitted by the Occupational Therapy Department in McMillan Hospital. The author, Bill Causey of Mount Vernon, Indiana, is a patient on 300 McMillan. The poem is easily understood when you know that Mr. Causey wrote most of it on a specially adapted writing board while both his eyes were bandaged, and completed it after the bandages had been removed. While we are not qualified judges of the poem’s literary merits, we like it, and we appreciate and are grateful for Mr. Causey’s sentiments.)

A TRIBUTE TO BARNES

It stands like a haven in a storm;
Conqueror of fear, doubt and alarm;
Healer of the sick, afflicted and lame;
Bearer of a simple yet magic name—BARNES.

Through these doors they pass on their way
From darkness into the light of day
As gentle hands guide their steps aright
And love starts raising the curtain of night.

Suddenly all your doubts and fears
That held you prisoner through the years
Begin to give you slow release
And with its coming there is peace.

Sure deft fingers move across your face,
Putting everything in its place.
Then the constant care as the wound mends
And the close attention that never ends.

The dark curtain lifts; light shines through;
Old familiar objects come into view.
And then the day comes to say goodbye
To McMillan that has restored an eye.

McMillan, may you always be ready here
To receive those beset by doubt and fear,
And may the greatness within your walls
Never fail to heed humanity’s calls;

INTERNAL TRAFFIC SURVEY TO BE MADE

There are times when we have pedestrian traffic jams in our Medical Center. At certain hours on various days our Center resembles Grand Central Station, as crowds come and go. In the basement area, laundry carts and food carts line up one after the other, each desperately trying to get out of the traffic tangle to go their separate ways. Maintenance employees and housekeeping personnel working in the corridors are hindered in their duties by the flow of people—patients and their relatives, nursing personnel, doctors, and many others, all of whom in turn lose valuable time in getting to their destinations.

An internal traffic survey, particularly needed since the recent rapid growth of the Medical Center, is now being instituted. It will determine how many persons travel through a given corridor at specific hours of the day. The results of the survey can then be used to develop plans for facilitating the traffic flow, for better utilization of the many elevators, and for greater efficiency in future planning.

The survey will be conducted jointly by Barnes Hospital, St. Louis Childrens’ Hospital, and the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. Miss Judy Kelley will represent Mallinckrodt, Miss Patricia Brandt will represent Childrens’, and Mr. John Mathews, Administrative Resident, will represent Barnes. Dr. Hugh Wilson, Professor of Radiology, will assist in the survey by having “electric eyes” installed at various places to record the number of

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At the tea given in Wohl Dining Room for the graduating Dietetic Interns are:
(Left to right) Miss Lois Brumitt, Staff Dietitian; Mrs. Patricia Keskey, Dietetic Intern; Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of Barnes and affiliated hospitals; and Miss Monta Sue Alspaugh, Dietetic Intern. Mrs. Keskey and Miss Alspaugh, having completed the twelve months course as Dietetic Interns, were presented certificates by Dr. Bradley, followed by removal of the “Intern” patch from the left sleeve of their uniforms.

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**HERE’S GOOD NEWS**

If you have a string tied 'round your finger.....to remind yourself that our anniversary date for Blue Cross is May 1.....you can throw the string away and stop by the Personnel Office right now.

Blue Cross will no longer accept enrollments for employees who have worked over 60 days, or change types of plans for employees who wait over 30 days from their time of eligibility, except on the anniversary date of the Blue Cross group. May 1 is the anniversary date of the Barnes Hospital group, and any changes you may desire to make in your Blue Cross should be done now so that it can become effective May 1.

The Personnel Office has a complete supply of the various forms necessary for making changes in your Blue Cross, or making new applications. Stop by on any day, eight to five!
Our American calendar of events is so arranged that our attention is directed to outstanding individuals and principles of great value. During the month of February we have several reminders of this truth. We celebrate the birthdays of two great Americans. We give emphasis to the matter of neighborliness, at least for a designated period of time we know as “Brotherhood Week”.

It would not be difficult to get American people to agree that our sense of patriotism is somehow enlarged each year as we think of Washington and Lincoln. Our loyalties are deepened as we think of the great heritage that we possess because of their pioneer efforts. Each year it seems that the press gives an ever increasing amount of space to stories relating to these two statesmen. The air waves are likewise filled with praises for “The Father of our Country” and “The Great Emancipator”. There is an interesting trend in most all that is said, and it is in the ever present challenge to consider the ideals and hopes they had and left behind.

The accomplishments of great men do not come by accident. They result from a high degree of loyalty to a cause. This is likewise true of humble men. No person is insignificant. These beliefs were basic with the two men we have remembered, so it is not strange that an emphasis is given to the importance of brotherhood of all men.

The “Coffeebreak” filler in last month’s issue created more comment than any item we have ever printed.....MARY ANN PEXA, Laboratory, was one of the two students at University College who were recently awarded Final Honors for high scholastic standing. Now that she has her degree, Miss Pexa plans to do graduate work in psychology.....ROSE VALLE, Chaplain’s Office, is now back at work after a short stay on 8200 as a surgical patient.....Dr. and Mrs. MORTON BINDER are the proud parents of a new baby boy.....Best wishes to Dr. LESLIE E. PATTON, who has been a patient at Deaconess Hospital.....Pearl for the month (To be digested slowly): “A highbrow is a person educated beyond his intelligence”.....Sympathy for Mrs. LORETTA TIBBITTS, Medical Records, whose husband is still a patient on 2100.....GEORGIA CONNER, Barnes Cashier, is a proud grandmother. Her daughter-in-law, mother of the new baby girl who was born last week in St. Louis Maternity Hospital, will be remembered by many as former employee ANN FARAGO.....BROOKS GATTERMEIR, Payroll, is back at work after spending a few days as a patient on 1100.....Congratulations to Dr. FRED B. BALLARD, JR., Medical House Staff, on his recent engagement to Miss Carolyn Ruth Busse. The wedding has been planned for June 14 at the First Congregational Church, Webster Groves.....Laclede Gas Company was host at a banquet for house staff members and their wives on Thursday evening, February 21.....Lucky parents include Dr. and Mrs. BRENT PARKER, and Dr. and Mrs. LEE JOHNSON. Each couple was blessed with a new baby girl, born January 13.....The Grapevine is suffering from a dearth of news. With a little help we’ll do better next time, but for this issue—that’s all there is, there ain’t no more!
Paula Richards, presently in Hollywood, sent the above publicity still to her friends at Barnes on Valentine's Day. Paula resigned from her job in the IBM Department to make a career for herself in the entertainment field.

SAVINGS BOND LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Identical proposed bills were transmitted to the Senate and The House of Representatives on February 14 which would give the Treasury the same flexibility with regard to interest rates on Savings Bonds that it has on other types of Treasury Bonds. Passage of the legislation will permit improved interest rate terms on all Series E and H Bonds sold after February 1, 1957, and make the bonds more desirable as an investment.

If the proposed legislation is passed, the Treasury plans to increase to 3-1/4 percent the interest rate on new E Bonds held to maturity, in place of the present 3 percent. The issue price and face value of the new E Bond will be unchanged, but the present 9 years and 8 months maturity will be shortened to 8 years and 11 months.

In spite of the proposed increase, present owners of bonds will generally find it advantageous to continue holding their present bonds. The reason for this is that savings bonds earn a low rate of interest which gradually increases until maturity of the bond, and bonds presently held are likely to be earning more than 3-1/4 percent.
PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS MEET AT BARNES

The city-wide organization of institutional protestant chaplains, with a membership of 20 professionally accredited men, met at Barnes on February 18 for their regular monthly meeting. Each month the chaplains meet at a different hospital in the area and discuss various phases of the chaplaincy and its development.

After a dinner served at 6:30 by the Dietary Department, the 16 chaplains present at the meeting discussed the matter of clinical training for theological students in hospitals. This program has already been instituted at Barnes, and the first group of 16 students from Concordia Seminary completed the nine months training program in January, 1957.

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"units" passing a given spot.

The survey will officially begin on February 25. Surveyors will be identified by red arm bands; assistance given to them by answering any pertinent questions they may ask in relation to the survey will be very helpful. All employees are urged to cooperate to make the survey a success.

NOTICE!

When you move or change your phone number, please call the personnel office at once.

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