The past year was a very challenging one. The operating deficit, a familiar problem to all hospitals, was sharply increased. The continued financial deficit of the hospital is due to many causes. The chief one is an unwillingness to compromise the quality of patient care to obtain more economical operations.

In reviewing 1957, the hospital continued its program of renovating clinical service facilities to accommodate the increased bed component of prior years and to improve the quality of patient care. Since personal service to patients is the biggest factor of hospital care, it was necessary, in order to provide a higher quality of personnel particularly in those departments having patient contact, to increase wages to the extent of 7% of the operating budget.

Much of the operating deficit is due to the continuing policy of the Trustees to care for indigent patients. There were 7328 patients admitted to the wards, where none or only part of the cost of care is borne by the patient. Of this number, 1713 patients were cared for free of charge for 27,086 days of care. Free care amounted to approximately $700,000, $121,000 higher than last year. Contributing to a greater deficit this year was a loss of revenue from patients both private and pay ward. Total admissions for the year were 27,777, or 957 less than in 1956 which was a record year. This drop

(Continued on Page 6, Column 2)
Our sympathy to Dr. Drew Luten, whose wife died of a heart ailment in Barnes Hospital on January 3.....Best wishes to Eleanor Bunch, Clinic Medical Records, and Robert Spradlin, Maintenance Department, who were married in St. Charles, Missouri on December 21.....Dr. Carlyle F. Jacobsen, formerly at Barnes, is now President of the State University Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse, N. Y.....Frances L. Frix, Barnes Cashier, became Mrs. Roy Cunningham on December 15.....Oscar O. Norman, painter in the Maintenance Department for the past twelve years, died on December 14. His Metropolitan Life Insurance under the Barnes Hospital group policy was paid to one of his friends whom he had designated as beneficiary.....Joan Susanka, Director's Office, is the proud owner of her first car, a misty green '58 Plymouth. Now all she has to do is learn how to drive and get an operator's license.....Linda Bennett, Clinic Record Room, and Mr. Bruce Matheney were married in St. Louis on Sunday, January 11 at 2:00 p. m.....Faye Waldrup, Dietary Department Clerk, recently spent a short vacation visiting relatives and friends in her hometown in Tennessee.....CID Dade, Personnel, was elected vice-president of the Greater St. Louis Hospital Personnel Directors Association at the December meeting of the group.....Best wishes to Velma Joan Herndon, Cytology, who became Mrs. Jack J. Hendrix on Christmas Day.....Misses Dorothy Thomann and Patricia Pope, who have just completed their Internship in Dietetics, are remaining at Barnes as Staff Dietitians.....Industrial Discount Tickets for the 1958 Bildor's Home Show can be obtained in the Personnel Office. This year the show will be held at the Arena February 8 through February 16.....Miss Marilyn Ann Maulding, Nursing, and Mr. William Schneider were married at St. Joseph's Church in Clayton on November 16, 1957. Following the formal ceremony, the newlyweds spent two weeks motoring through the Great Smokies.....Miss Sarijane Mogerman, Nursing Office, and her family

(Continued on Page 5, Column 1)

DR. A. H. CONRAD DIED JANUARY 1

With extreme regret we report the passing of Dr. Adolph Henry Conrad, Sr., dermatologist in St. Louis for over 50 years, who died at home in his sleep on January 1.

Dr. Conrad was 73 years old, and had been a member of the Barnes Hospital Staff for 32 years. In 1957 he was awarded a fifty-year pin from the St. Louis Medical Society.

A graduate of the St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1906, Dr. Conrad was one of the founding members of the American Academy of Dermatology. He was a member of the AMA and the SMA, and was a Thirty-third Degree Mason.

It is with deep and abiding sorrow that we note this passing of an able physician and loyal friend.

(Continued on Page 5, Column 1)
Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director, presents diploma to Julia Fromel, one of eleven Registered Nurses who completed the Barnes Hospital post-graduate program in Nurse Anesthesia on December 31. Miss Fromel is a native of Ohio: she was born in Youngstown, and received her nurses’ training at the Trumbull Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Warren, Ohio. She worked at Trumbull Memorial for a short time before deciding to take post-graduate work in Anesthesia at Barnes.

**DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR “RAINTREE COUNTY”**

The Personnel Office has arranged with the Esquire Theatre to give a 20% discount to Barnes Hospital employees who desire to see “Raintree County”, the story of a Civil War romance in the great tradition starring Montgomery Clift, Elizabeth Taylor, and Eva Marie Saint. Tickets may be reserved in the Personnel Office for any performance, with the theatre’s guarantee of the choicest seats available at the time of the reservation. The MGM CAMERA 65 production is shown each week night at 8:30, and at 7:30 on Sundays. Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Regular prices for these performances are: Orchestra and Mezzanine $2.00, Loges $2.50. Orchestra and Mezzanine seats are $1.50, the Loges $1.75 at a special matinee which is given each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. These are the regular prices, and are subject to 20% discount if arranged through Personnel.
BETTY C. WALLS, R. N., returned on January 14 to her former position in the Barnes Operating Rooms. GEORGIA LEIBENSPELGER, who became ill soon after completing the Nurse Assistant In-Service Training Program, returned on January 14. Mrs. Leibensperger underwent three operations during the year she was off duty. LUEDA PITTS, who will be remembered as Lueda Patterson, recently returned to her old position in the Dietary Department. JAMES F. EGAN, Technician in Clinical Microscopy, has returned to his former position in the Barnes Laboratory. DELIA UNTERREINER, Pharmacist who will be remembered as Delia Berry, returned on January 2. EMMA POWELL, Housekeeping Aide, resumed her former duties early in December. WILMA FISHER, R. N., former Head Nurse in the Delivery Room, returned to the Delivery Room part-time on January 11. VADINE MALIN, Blue Cross clerk in Barnes Credit Office for two years, returned on January 6 as a secretary in McMillan. MARY E. REESE, Nurse Assistant who resigned in May, 1957, because of poor health, has regained her strength and is now on duty in Barnes. REGINA SMITH, R. N., has returned to Maternity Hospital on a part-time basis. MARY STARKS, Housekeeping Aide in McMillan Hospital, resumed her former duties on January 2.

Other Registered Nurses who have returned part-time are: KATHLEEN RUSSELL, who returned January 8, and CHARLOTTE ANN CULLY, who returned January 4. DOCIA LEE PITTS returned on January 13 to accept her former position in the Dietary Department. LAVENNE HOLMES, who was Laverne Anderson before her resignation and marriage, returned to the Barnes Cashier’s Office on January 6. HELEN E. TAYLOR, Nurse Assistant who resigned last September a few weeks before her baby was expected, returned to her former position in McMillan on January 20. Welcome Back!

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS MEET AT BARNES

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater St. Louis Society of Medical Technologists was held in the Wohl Dining room on January 19 at 2:00 p.m. Miss Bernice Koster, Assistant Chief of the Medical Center’s Blood Bank, is president of the group. At the meeting Dr. Adel Yunis, who holds a dual appointment as Clinical Fellow on the staffs of Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes and affiliated hospitals, spoke on “Blood Coagulation”. Dr. Virgil Loeb, Jr., Director of Laboratories for the Medical Center, discussed the “Use of EDTA Tubes in a Routine Laboratory.”
Pictured above are Nurse Assistants who completed the In-Service Training Program in December. Front row (Left to Right): Barbara Peoples, Mattie Keys, Thelma Ollie, and Hattie King. Back row (Left to Right): Williestean Fulks, Hattie Wallingham, Juanita Reynolds, and Barbara Fleets.

THE GRAPEVINE (Continued from Page 2)

flew to Philadelphia during New Year’s Week for a family reunion.....HAZEL OVERTON, Hostess, recently spent several days as a patient in Wohl Hospital..... Pearl of the Month: “One sure way of getting your wife home from her mother is to send her a copy of the local paper with one front-page item cut out”.....MARY JANE BREIDENSTEIN, Allergy Lab., became Mrs. James R. Gamache on November 28, 1957..... JANET LEE JOHNSON, Clinic Nursing, and Mr. Kenneth L. McClure were married on December 12. Several Barnes employees attended the wedding, which was held in the home of the bride. HENRIETTA PATRICK, 3 Wohl, was Maid of Honor, and WILLIE SANDRA BRYANT, 1418, was one of the bridesmaids.

FOR LADIES ONLY

Nylon stockings which are no longer wearable, regardless of color or condition, are needed by the Occupational Therapy Department for one of their patient projects. Please help by bringing your discarded stockings to the Occupational Therapy Department, or leave them in the Renard Admitting Office. The department and the patients will be grateful if you remember ...
Some people like to spend some time in making predictions as to what a new year will have to offer. This can be either selfish or unselfish. Some who do so are broad enough in their concepts of the true meaning of life to predict in terms of the total human family, while others confine their views to personal interests. Such has been so from the beginning of time, which accounts for the variations that history gives from one generation to another.

We have already started another new year, and surely we have given some thought to it. We have already done something about it, for this is unavoidable. We are living at a time in which the world view is a necessity. No generation has faced a greater challenge to think in terms of the international situation. Our own attitudes to this rather trite reference are of greater consequence than we generally realize. It has been indicated that the pessimist has already given up, and that it is up to the optimist to carry the whole load of creating enthusiasm for a better future. We have the privilege of joining either camp, according to the company we wish to keep.

In Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan created many characters from life as he knew them in daily contacts. The fascination of the story rests in the fact that we find him talking about our own weaknesses far too often. This also makes it a very uncomfortable story to read. He mentions Mr. Little Faith and Mr. Fearing as if he knew us personally. He was saying, among other things, that we do not fit into one pattern. He believed that we ought to select one that would fit satisfactorily into any day or any year.

Annual Report (Continued from Page 1)

in census is an indication that the hospital has reached maturity as far as bed capacity is concerned. It is obvious that for the present there is an adequate number of hospital beds in the St. Louis area. There is an additional reason, however, for the low census which seems to be general throughout the area, and that is an economic one. Elective medical care has decreased, and the number of industrial accidents and emergencies has dropped off markedly.

As part of the continuing renovation and preventive maintenance program, necessary remodeling was done in the laboratories, operating rooms, and main kitchen. Improved efficiency has resulted from these changes. A room was equipped for the use of an artificial kidney during the year, and also, extensive physical changes were made in preparation for the Gibbon Heart Lung pump which should be ready for use January, 1958.

To all contributors the Board expresses its deepest appreciation. The Trustees also express their sincere appreciation to the United Fund and to the citizens of the community whose gifts to the Fund made possible financial help to this hospital group. They also express their appreciation for the combined outstanding efforts of the staff physicians, nurses, and all other personnel, including Red Cross Gray Ladies, Barnard Women's Auxiliary, and Renard volunteers.

The expenses of hospital operation and income received during the year 1957 are as follows:

(Continued on Page 8, Column 1)
Graduating students in the 1957 Course in Nurse Anesthesia include: (standing, left to right) Dean Hayden, Director of the Nurse Anesthesia program; students June Milikowski, Beverly Diekmann, Cecil Foote, Naomi Helbert, and Julia Fromel; and Dr. Robert B. Dodd, Anesthesiologist-in-Chief. Seated, left to right are students Patricia Stofer, Dorothy Depew, Mary Pat Mitchell, Carolyn Gibbons, Elizabeth Kross, and Elsa Viscarra. Graduation exercises and tea for the group was held in the Wohl Dining Room on December 18.

Any change in your telephone number? Have you moved and forgotten to say? Have you married? Or added dependents? (Don't blush—it occurs every day!) If so, tell the PERSONNEL OFFICE. Don't wait, 'cause it just isn't fair. Inform them of any NEW CHANGES HOW—WHAT—HOW MANY and WHERE?
ANNUAL REPORT (Continued from Page 6)

Expenses $7,705,028.29
Income 7,253,651.32
Net operating deficit $ 451,376.97
Net income from endowment and other sources 292,117.53
Net deficit for the year $ 159,259.44

Barnes Hospital receives no grants from federal, state, or local governments. Only 4% of the hospital’s entire income is derived from endowment, United Fund, and other gifts. In other words, 96% of the hospital’s income must come from charges to patients.

The following is a summary statement of the assets of Barnes Hospital as of December 31, 1957:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Investment in real estate, stocks, and bonds</td>
<td>$2,294,224.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospital buildings, grounds, and equipment</td>
<td>2,596,738.22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current and working assets</td>
<td>967,759.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total assets</td>
<td>$5,858,722.06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Funds are kept in the First National Bank and the Mercantile Trust Company.

(Signed) RICHMOND C. COBURN
(Signed) IVAN LEE HOLT, JR.
(Signed) ANDREW W. JOHNSON
(Signed) GALE F. JOHNSTON
(Signed) J. W. McAFFEE
(Signed) ROBERT W. OTTO
(Signed) E. E. PERSHALL

BARNES HOSPITAL
600 South Kingshighway
St. Louis 10, Missouri