ENGINEERING DEPT. RE-LOCATES SHOPS AND SUPPLY ROOMS

A big moving operation is underway in the engineering department at Barnes Hospital to establish workshops in areas more suitable for their function, according to J. C. Claywell, chief engineer.

Started early in June, the project is concerned with finding larger and more practical accommodations for the various workshops which were formerly crowded in a single area and, at the same time, consolidating the several smaller maintenance stations that have been scattered throughout the complex.

Under the direction of Claywell, rooms that previously housed both regularly and seldom used supplies have been converted into workshops. Meanwhile, stored materials from these quarters have been moved to a central location in the hospital.

"Equal accessibility to the shops is not so important, however," Claywell said, "because more suitable and craft workers must operate at all extremes of the complex, anyway. Our principal aim is to reorganize the machinery and equipment systematically in each shop so that production can be increased."

The various shops in their new or proposed quarters on the ground floor are sheet metal in Wohl Hospital, carpentry in the main building of Barnes, and general maintenance, which includes plumbers, electricians, painters and other crafts, in the hospital service addition. The carpenters have not yet moved to their new quarters.

Moore Going Abroad to Teach

Dr. Carl V. Moore, Barnes Hospital physician-in-chief, will be William McIlrath guest professor of medicine at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Australia, during August.

Cafeteria Modifies Payment Procedure

The Barnes Hospital employees' cafeteria last week put up the "Please Pay When Served" signs in an effort to head-off a growing discrepancy between the amount of food served and the amount of money received.

Instead of paying at the exit door, for food purchased, payment is now accepted at the end of the serving line. The cafeteria has experienced lost revenue amounting to as much as $400 a month.

Personnel Office Holding Money Found In Hallway

A small paper envelope containing several dollars was found recently in a hallway of Renard Hospital by Pearl Mederith, a maid who works there.

In an effort to find its owner, she immediately turned the money over to Bill Montgomery in personnel who is holding the cash until it is claimed by the rightful owner.

If the owner is not identified within 90 days, the money will be returned to Pearl. A handwritten name is distinguishable on the front side of the envelope, but it is not the name of any employee or other person who can be identified by the personnel office.

Security Dept. Assigned Fire Control Duties

The department of security and safety at Barnes Hospital has been expanded to include fire protection service, it was announced by Harry E. Panhorst, acting director.

Hospital authorities and city fire officials considered the move an important step toward fire immunity. In its present form, the department, which also includes parking services, has a total employee force of 22 men.

The move also calls for the department, which formerly came under the jurisdiction of public services, to be the responsibility of general services, headed by Joseph T. Greco and Donald J. Horsh.

Inspection of the hospital's fire fighting equipment and related conditions is currently being carried out by Donald Donaldson, chief security and safety officer. He reports that he is finding equipment generally in excellent working condition and properly deployed for peak efficiency.

"This is only a temporary responsibility on my part," said Donaldson. "A regular fire inspector will be assigned later on to look after fire protection needs."

He also indicated that the hospital plans next fall to send several employees to the St. Louis Fire Department Training School.

CHANGE IN BARBERS' HOURS OFFERS IMPROVED SERVICE

In a move to provide better service to patients and hospital staff the barber shop will have three barbers on duty at all times, beginning August 6.

The new plan means that, though the shop's hours will be slightly shortened, more barbers will be on duty. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. At present the shop is open until 5 p.m. weekdays and 4 p.m. Saturday.

Harvey Robertson, Harold Grauer and Homer Cross are the barbers who serve the medical center. Appointments may be made by calling extension 3122.
Month's Promotions Announced For Barnes Hospital Employees

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Other promotions include: Juanita B. Reynolds, Phyllis Ingram, Lena Ida McCull, Vertie Lee Birgit and Marcella Harris to floor technicians; Lovella Swain, Anna K. Davis, Mary L. Jones and Celeste Doolins to nurse assistant and Marva Lee Winfield, Bernice Johnson and Doris Marie Booker to junior nurse assistant.

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In an effort to thwart molestations, which have remained a threat to women employees traveling to and from the hospital after dark, the medical center has put two buses into service providing free transportation. First started early this month for nurses, the service is now including, outbound, any female employee leaving the evening shift and, inbound, nurses reporting for the night shift. Still in experimental stages, the plan may be due for later modification to improve the service. Suggestions and requests for information are invited by John Boyer, personnel director, station 662.

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Ailing Great Grandmother Finds Relief At Barnes Through Treatment Supervised By Old Friend

Elated by her improved condition, Mrs. Abby Beecher Roberts, a youthful-looking great grandmother of 82, departed recently from Barnes Hospital for her home in Marquette, Mich.

Walking on her own two legs, which doctors from five other major institutions had feared she would lose, the smiling widow was helped into an automobile for the return trip.

"This is an exciting day for me," she said. "You can't imagine how thrilled I am to be out of a hospital bed."

For seven anxious months she had been plagued by ulcers of the legs which had developed from an inadequate blood supply resulting from hardening of the arteries.

The dismal consensus of more than 15 doctors had diminished her hopes for improvement until a chance meeting between her private physician and Dr. Carl Moyer, chief surgeon at Barnes. It was a coincidence that Dr. Moyer had known her years ago, and the chance meeting brought her to the St. Louis medical center.

Through the application of wet-to-dry dressings and use of silver nitrate solutions and penicillin, the infected areas on her legs were healed at Barnes within three weeks. In addition, the doctors had located the blocked portions of the arteries through an X-ray tracking system, but felt that it was undesirable to operate at the time.

Originally, Dr. Moyer, who supervised the treatment, and Mrs. Roberts knew each other as neighbors in Marquette when the physician attended Northern Michigan State College. As a member of the fraternity which lived across the street from her home, Dr. Moyer and his colleagues were occasionally invited to dine with Mrs. Roberts' family.

"At such times those boys would descend upon our home en masse," she chortled. "Then they and my own sons would dash off for the show, leaving me behind to wash the dishes."

She smiled dreamily about those "grand old days" and considered the evasive action of the youths "typical of fun-loving boys." Little did she realize that one day a member of that carefree group would help restore her health.

Encouraged by the relief from pain and anxiety she had experienced over the past months, the...
Know Your Hospital

1000-Member Nursing Team At Barnes Hospital Maintains 24-hour Vigilance Over 800 Patients

With nearly 28,000 admitted during the year, and each staying for an average of just under 10 days, hospitals in the Barnes group are administering to a daily census of approximately 2500 patients.

On hand to care for this huge patient population is a nursing team of more than a thousand members, by far the hospital's largest working force. Like a great white blanket, the nursing department spreads itself over the complex to keep around-the-clock vigilance over its charges while serving as the right arm of physicians.

In talking to the department's director, Miss Ann J. Campbell, it becomes clear that nursing is a role for dedicated beings, who never lose interest in human welfare and never stop learning how to better it.

"It takes a special type of person to become a nurse," states Miss Campbell, “not only must she be able to act capably in the advancing field of medicine, but she must be warm and understanding.”

The director points out that nursing, perhaps more than any other profession, has a great deal of natural resistance to overcome. Being human, patients don't enjoy being cooped up in a hospital bed, especially for extended lengths of time. Conditions that put them there were not of their own choosing.

"Our job, then, in addition to the medical responsibilities, is to sell a service which in reality is forced upon the patient," she explains. "This is why super-salesmanship is a requisite in the nursing profession."

By the end of training, nurses are geared to the "personal concept" in their relationship with the patient. That is, the director adds, they strive to accomplish their professional tasks in terms of one human's concern for another.

"This doesn't mean, however, that a nurse must be effervescent and bubbling over at all times. Sometimes a more harmonic relationship calls for emotional restraint on the part of the nurse, of course depending on the patient's attitude."

Miss Campbell maintains that nurses have to know when and where to draw this "fine line between friendliness and familiarity."

In regard to education, all members of the nursing department are required to attend either in-service training sessions, on-the-job schooling and, or, other types of orientation programs designed to keep them abreast of the latest technological progress.

In the Barnes group are 250 registered nurses, graduates of no less than three years of nursing school. From that initial training they continue, while serving, with regular studies in their specialties. They are augmented by 600 nurse technicians and nurse assistants who, through on-the-job training, learn to perform many of the services not requiring the registered graduate's schooling.

Each of the 15 practical nurses in the department hold a license issued by the state after a one-year course in practical nursing. Their education is furthered through various special classes conducted in conjunction with their regular work assignments.

Also backing up the registered nurses are almost 250 student nurses who receive on-the-job experience while enrolled in nursing school. Part-time nurses and ward clerks make up the remainder of the nursing team and, these too, continue periodic instruction courses.

Miss Campbell points out that nurses are taking on more of the responsibilities once assumed by doctors. With the scope also widened by many advances in medicine, they are obliged to absorb much knowledge. A nurse today must learn
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Symphony Orchestra in the early 1900's. She also made guest appearances with other famous orchestras around the country, and during World War I traveled to numerous camps to entertain troops.

Bearing a close resemblance to Ethyl Barrymore, she has, on past occasions, been mistaken for the late movie actress. Mrs. Roberts said she had always wanted to meet the famous actress but "our paths never crossed in the course of our respective entertainment careers."

A broken blood vessel in her throat ended her singing career after 25 years on the stage. A short time later her husband, a Michigan banker, passed away and she has lived alone 31 years since.

Mrs. Roberts has resided several years at her Deertrack estate near Marquette, where she dabbles in painting and also keeps up her rock and archeological collections. She is very fond of the Michigan climate and, unlike most northern residents, enjoys the winter season most of all.

The spirited lady attributes her loquacious manner to a distant relationship to Harriet Beecher Stowe whose grandfather was the brother of Mrs. Roberts' great, great grandfather. "How do you think I got this gift of gab?" she asked jokingly.

The expressive, blue-eyed woman speaks affectionately of her five children, 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She delights in conversing with the younger members of her family, she said, encouraging and advising them about school affairs and other childhood problems.

Cheerful and witty as she left the hospital, Mrs. Roberts joked about the seven-month "running feud I've had with dietary departments." Being a diabetic, her diet had to be additionally controlled because of her present condition. In a more serious tone, she commented the "excellent nursing service" at Barnes and praised the doctors and technicians for their fine work.

Her only previous visit to St. Louis was in 1904 when she and her mother visited the World's Fair. They stayed almost three weeks until the exposition ended and they purchased some objects from various state exhibits which were being dismantled.

"My mother and I had gobs of stuff to ship home after our spree," she recalls. "It was a very joyful occasion."

Although her latest departure from St. Louis was marked by more serious overtones, the elderly woman's happiness was still very much in evidence.

"After all," she said, "I've got a lot more now to be thankful for than I had three weeks ago."

These were her words as she stepped into her car, leaving the Barnes medical center on two legs which only three weeks earlier she had feared were due for amputation.

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636 procedures as compared to 136 in her training a few decades ago.

Even uniforms have been modified with the times, but not enough to lose their original identity. Slightly varied styles and colors have been developed at Barnes to differentiate between working classifications. Levels of rank are usually designated by arm chevrons or colored bands worn on the caps.

Workmen with steel carts keep a continuous supply of cement moving to the pouring area on top the nine-story Rand Johnson surgical wing of Barnes Hospital, while finishers stand by to smooth the mixture. The scene took place earlier this month, when more than 260 cubic yards of concrete were used in the first major pouring of what will become the tenth floor of the building. When completed, early in 1963, the building will have four additional floors and 134 new beds for treatment of patients. The project is a first step in the extensive building and modernization program which was announced last March for the medical center.

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HOSPITAL RECEIVES LETTERS OF PRAISE

Former patients of Barnes Hospital continue to send notes of gratitude to the administration office regarding the efficient care they received while being treated.

An example of what has been said comes from The Rev. Royce K. McDonald, Huntington, West Virginia: "First, I would like to thank you for the excellent way in which you took care of me when I was a patient at Barnes a few weeks ago. I want to assure you that I had the feeling that you were doing everything possible for my comfort and recuperation. All the people who looked after my needs were most congenial, understanding and efficient. I am truly grateful that the Barnes Hospital is serving humanity so well."

A statement from Thelma G. Koerner, Du Quoin, Ill., a registered nurse, said: "Recently I was a patient in room 316 at McMillan for two weeks. My care and physical comforts were assured by competent and capable personnel. Everyone, from doctors to tray girls, gave me courteous attention. I feel you should know of my appreciation and I would like to tell you of the good care I was privileged to receive."

A message from Bessie Brockert, 4087 Blaine Avenue, St. Louis, stated: "I have no complaints whatsoever — I'm sure no one could have gotten better treatment, better food or nicer nurses and doctors. My stay at Barnes was as pleasant as possible and I'm very grateful to the doctors, nurses and everyone who had anything to do with me."

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