Among the many great medical advancements which came from Barnes and Washington University, are the first gastrointestinal series, the first lung.

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Patient Needs Spark Early Move
Into Three Queeny Tower Floors

Due to the urgent need for additional patient care space, Barnes Hospital is aiming at an early May opening of three floors in Queeny Tower, the new ambulatory care center. The floors scheduled for early opening are seven, eight and nine. Seven and nine opened May first, with the eighth floor ready for operation a week later. While elevators are operational, access to the three floors will be primarily through corridors in Rand Johnson building, as all other floors in the 18-story Queeny Tower, including the lobby, will not be open until fall.

Wohl Five Moved

Under the plan for opening floors seven and nine, patients on the fifth floor of Wohl Hospital, which has been a medical floor, were moved to new rooms on the ninth floor of Queeny Tower. If additional space is needed, some patients may be moved to the ninth or tenth floor of Rand Johnson building. The Wohl fifth floor, which previously was for medical patients, will now become a neuro-surgical floor. The fourth floor of Wohl will serve both neuro-medical and neuro-surgical patients. Three Wohl will remain a neurosurgical floor.

Medical on Eighth

When the eighth floor of Queeny Tower is opened, it will serve medical patients. There are nine private rooms, six semi-private, two-bed rooms, and two suites on each of the three patient care floors in the Tower, making a total of 28 beds per floor. All of these areas are centrally air conditioned, with individual controls in each room.

All equipment, including piped oxygen and suction, will be in operating order in time for the May opening of the three floors. Furniture especially designed for Queeny Tower will be in use for the first time.

Rand Johnson, McMillan Areas To Be Cooled

Rand Johnson and McMillan Hospital units of Barnes Medical Center will be totally air-conditioned in patient care areas this summer. Edgar M. Queeny, chairman of the Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees, announced today.

Work on this project will be completed in Rand Johnson Building by June 1 and in McMillan Hospital by July 1.

In addition to installation of new air conditioning units, the electrical system in the Rand Johnson building has been upgraded. This is in anticipation of a total renovation of this building, tentatively planned for 1967. McMillan’s electrical system also has undergone some changes. The buildings now are prepared for the eventual installation of central air conditioning.

The fifth through eighth floors of Rand Johnson building, previously not air conditioned, were equipped with the new units. Other floors, one through four and nine through 12, already had air conditioning. McMillan Hospital, previously cooled only on floors one and two, now will have air conditioning on all floors, three through seven.

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Mo. Dietitians Hold Meeting at Barnes

Dietitians and food service administrators from throughout the state attended a day-long workshop April 20, in Wohl Auditorium. “The Purchase of Table Appointments for Institutional Use,” was the topic for the session, which was sponsored by the Missouri Dietetic Association.

Invited to the workshop were food service personnel from dietetic associations in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Columbia, and southeast Missouri. Mrs. Ruth Griffith, Barnes associate director of dietetics, was in charge of the day’s activities. She is chairman of the food administration section of the Missouri Dietetic Association.

Highlights of the program included talks on selecting china, glassware, flatware, and catering supplies by representatives of well known firms specializing in these areas, a demonstration and discussion, “Creating of Centerpieces” by Mrs. Kenneth Lissant, assistant professor of biology at Fontbonne College, and a talk on “Correlation of Design and Material in Table Appointments” by Miss Lois Brummitt, assistant director of food service, Washington University.
Josephine McConnell Appointed Nursing Director

Nursing Service, Education Joined

Miss Josephine McConnell, now associate director of nursing service, has been named director of nursing staff and nursing education, Harry E. Panhorst, Barnes director, has announced.

Miss McConnell's new job will combine many of the duties now performed by Miss Jean Martz, director of nursing service, and Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, director of nursing education.

A Barnes Hospital employee since January 1964, Miss McConnell formerly was director of nursing service at St. Louis University. She obtained her R.N. diploma from Bethany Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kansas, did post graduate work at the University of Chicago, and was awarded a B.S. in nursing education from Avila College, Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1960, Miss McConnell was granted an M.S. in nursing education, with a major in nursing service. From St. Louis University, she is the recipient of a U.S. Public Health research grant, and is presently enrolled in a doctoral program in health organization research at St. Louis University.

In Barnes' future director of nursing is attractive and brunt. She keeps busy with her hobbies of golf and dancing, but likes to cook, and has studied piano and organ. "I like to enjoy the outdoors, and I find that it brings me back to my job with a fresher outlook," Miss McConnell said, with a twinkle.

In Barnes' school of nursing, Miss Helen McMurtry, who is presently associate director of nursing education, will continue in this capacity but will accept increased administrative duties. Miss McMurtry has been associate director since last February, when she completed her work for an M.S. in nursing administration and supervision. A native of Sparta, Illinois, Miss McMurtry is a nursing graduate of St. Louis City Hospital.

Miss Joan Hubert, who was formerly assistant director of patient services in charge of policies and procedures, has been transferred to the School of Nursing and has been named assistant director in education. She is a graduate of St. Johns Hospital school of nursing and has been at Barnes since July, 1963. A native of Collinsville, Illinois, she has a B.S. in nursing from St. Louis University.

Ann Vose Promoted

In nursing service, Miss Ann Vose has been promoted to associate director of nursing service. She presently is assistant director in charge of nursing personnel. Miss Vose holds a B.S. in nursing from Washington University School of Nursing, and an M.S. in nursing service administration from Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She is originally from Alton, Illinois, and has been at Barnes since 1951.

New at Barnes is Miss Jean Wright, who has joined Barnes from St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, where she was director of nursing service, Miss Wright will replace Miss Vose as assistant director of nursing personnel. Miss Wright was awarded her B.S. in nursing degree from Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa., and an M.S. in nursing with a major in personnel from St. Louis University. She is a native of Newcastle, Pa., and has an R.N. diploma from New Castle Hospital school of nursing.

Mrs. Marie Rhodes, presently supervising of outpatient nursing service, will become assistant director responsible for policies and procedures of nursing service. Mrs. Rhodes, who has been with Barnes since 1950, took her nurses' training at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, Illinois, and holds a B.S. in nursing from Washington University. She is originally from Litchfield, Illinois. Her supervisory duties with out patient nursing service will be assumed by Mrs. Marjorie Tittsworth, formerly head nurse in the medical clinic. Mrs. Tittsworth, a graduate of DePaul Hospital school of nursing, has been with the outpatient clinic since 1952.

Moves to Fla. Post

Miss Martz will become assistant administrator in charge of patient services at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla. This hospital is administered by Albert L. Boulenger, formerly an associate director at Barnes.

Miss McIntosh will take a position in the St. Louis Junior College District. She will be director of the associate degree program in nursing at Forest Park Community Campus.

Miss McIntosh and the members of the junior college nursing staff will occupy office space in the nursing education building at Barnes until the Community Campus is built on land formerly occupied by Forest Park Highlands. Miss McIntosh came to Barnes in 1964, when she helped establish the nursing education department here.

Attention Mountaineers: Barnes Is Ready For You

An oversupply of corncob pipes in the Barnes Volunteer office may force Auxiliary members to try this rustic pastime. Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, director of volunteers, published a request for a corn cob pipe in the Auxiliary newsletter, after an "elder, mountain type" patient requested one. Mrs. Kelly was unable to comply with the request, because of a dearth of corn cob pipes in her usual sources.

Since the Auxiliary newsletter came out, Mrs. Kelly has received five corn cob pipes from readers, including a genuine Washington, Mo., pipe sent by Mrs. Dee M. Whitecotton, director of the auxiliary division of the Missouri Hospital Association.

"If we get another mountain, at Barnes, we're prepared," she said. "It can't be said the Auxiliary ever overlooks a request."
Flower Decked Art Cart Will Cheer Patients With Pictures

The "Art Cart" first in St. Louis, soon will be rolling through the corridors of Barnes Hospital. The flower decked cart, painted Auxiliary pink, will offer several hundred framed pictures which may be borrowed by patients to hang on the walls of their rooms during their hospital stay.

Mrs. Torrey N. Foster, who is chairman of the project, which is sponsored by Barnes Hospital Auxiliary, estimates the cart will be in full operation by June 1, when Candy stripers will push it throughout the hospital, allowing patients to select their pictures. The patient who remains at Barnes for a long stay may change pictures, if he desires.

The Art Cart idea is modeled after similar programs in Boston, New York and Chicago. The Auxiliary is seeking donations of prints or pictures suitable for framing. The Junior League of St. Louis is mounting the pictures for the Cart.

"We think the pictures from the Art Cart will provide an interesting point in the room, and improve patient morale," said Mrs. Torrey. "It will give the Barnes staff a topic for a cheering conversation with the patient, too."

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Both the burn research and the arthritis research have been sponsored by the Hartford Foundation.

Improvements in organizations and service have upped the patients' ratio of compliments to complaints, so that the former outnumber the latter by a ratio of 9 to 1. The patient relations department visits more than 100 patients a day to get their reactions to care and service and to help patients with personal problems.

An effort was made to retain nurses and attract additional nurses, and with the increase in salaries and the addition of bonuses for increased work loads, the nursing staff grew from 333 to 425 in 1964.

Cost cutting programs were carried out by changing points of disbursement of supplies and initiating a new method of disposing of refuse.

Nursery on three floors of Maternity Hospital were refurbished. The laboratory area was renovated, as was the Maternity Admitting Office.

The Barnes Hospital Auxiliary, through many projects, financed a heart defibrillator, a loan fund for student nurses, purchase of an isolette infant incubator, and a cash gift to the hospital.

There were 29,793 patients admitted to the hospital last year, a slight increase from 1963.

NURSING STUDENT IS OFFERED JOB IN 'ICE CAPADES'

Although Janet Wood, senior nursing student at Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, has her feet in ice skates as often as she can manage, she also has them both firmly on the ground, as her most recent decision proves.

Last month, the Ice Capades, well known touring ice skating revue, conducted auditions while they were having performances at the Arena. Janet, wearing a costume she designed and made herself, tried out and was offered a contract for next season.

Then Janet found she would have to be available for rehearsals in New York early in July. She is scheduled to graduate from the school of nursing on Aug. 26. Jan decided that while the gilt and glitter of the Ice Capades was a tempting future, she preferred an RN "billing."

But Janet will continue to skate, whenever she is able. During the winter, she spends most of her spare time at Steinberg Memorial rink, where she has been teaching skating since the rink was opened several years ago. She also has taught figure skating at the DeVille Motor Hotel.

During the summer, when St. Louis rinks are closed, Jan has travelled as far as 200 miles to skate. She plans to keep practicing, and perhaps she'll find a way to combine her career and hobby as a skating R.N.!