

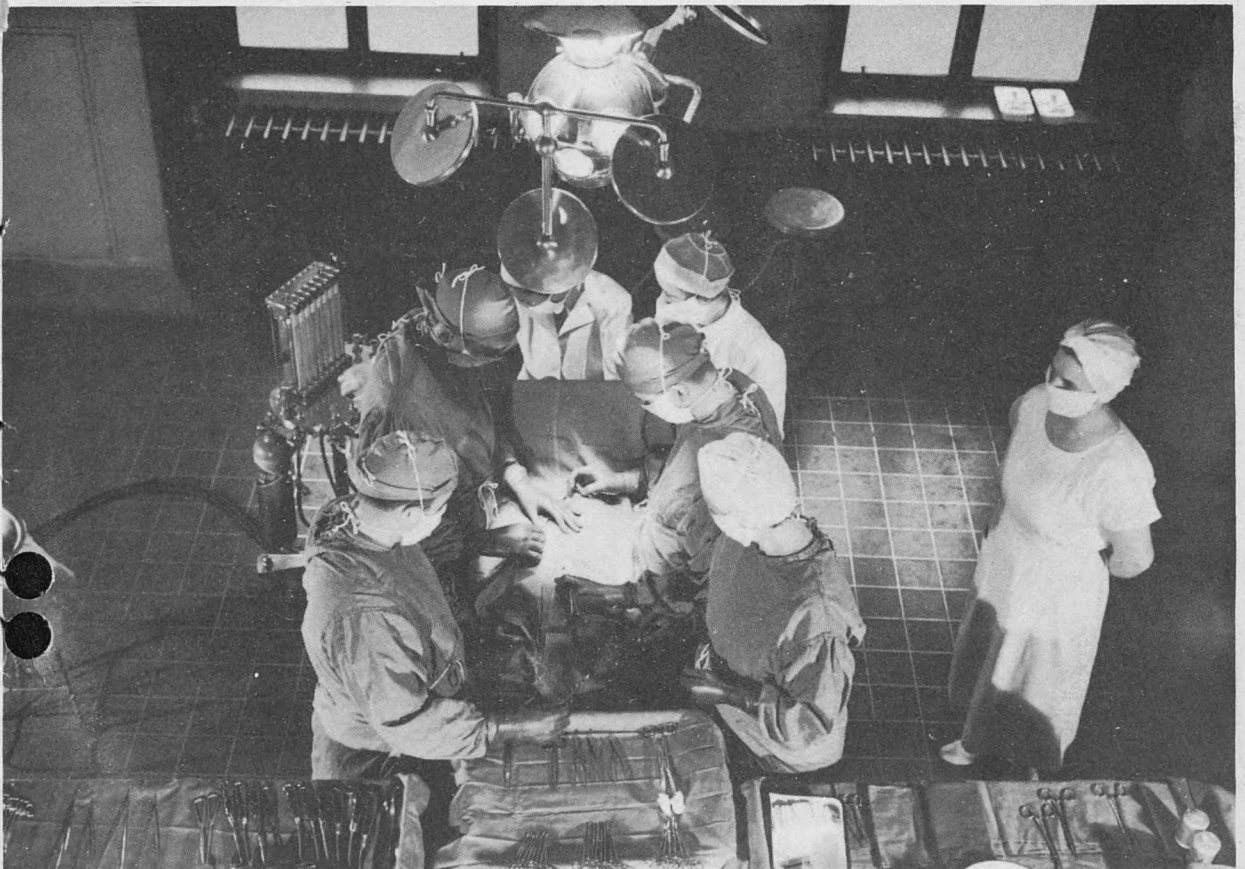
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RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS ON MARCH 1

The 1951 Red Cross drive will get underway on March 1, and once again, Barnes employees will have the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile organization. We are all familiar with the thousands of tasks performed daily by the Red Cross - tasks in which we may all help with our time and money.

As we look to the future, we see the Red Cross, acting on request from the Department of Defense and the National Security Resources Board, giving top priority to the following:

1. Rapid expansion of Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces to meet the needs of a 3,000,000 man fighting force called for by President Truman.
2. Procuring blood for meeting whole blood needs on the Korean fighting fronts and for processing into plasma and other derivatives for military and civil defense requirements.
3. Taking a leading part in training 20,000,000 people in first aid, including treatment of atomic bomb attack injuries.
4. Training 250,000 nurses aides and 1,000,000 housewives in home nursing critically needed for the defense effort.
5. Assisting civil defense authorities in plans for the provision of food, clothing, and shelter during an emergency period.

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GENERAL PAUL I. ROBINSON LECTURES TO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION CLASS

PAUL I. ROBINSON, Brigadier General of the Army Medical Corps, Chief of Personnel Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D.C., was in St. Louis February 13 to 15, to lecture to the students of the Course in Hospital Administration of Washington University.

General Robinson, who is on the faculty of the Course in Hospital Administration as Lecturer in Hospital Administration of the Army, discussed medical service in the federal government, hospital organization within the army, medical supply, and medical personnel in the army, with the students of the Course.

While in St. Louis, he also spoke before the St. Louis Medical Society on February 15 at 8:00 p.m., relative to physicians and the armed forces. Interns, residents, medical students, dentists, public health workers, nurses, veterinarians, and all members of organized medicine were invited to attend.

GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR DIETARY INTERNS
FEBRUARY 7

The lobby classroom was the scene on February 7 of the graduation exercises for four dietary interns who had completed their year's internship in dietetics at Barnes Hospital. MISS HENRIETTA BECKER, Executive Dietitian, presented the class of '51 to DR. FRANK BRADLEY who made the graduating address. The certificates and pins were presented to the graduating interns by Dr. Bradley and Miss Becker, respectively. Upon completion of the exercises, refreshments were served.

The graduates included: MARY SUE MITCHELL, Calhoun, Louisiana; ROGENE YENNE, Rock Springs, Wyoming; MARTHA WILLIS, Tallahassee, Florida; and KATHLEEN WOLFE, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Miss Mitchell will remain in St. Louis as Head Dietitian at Lutheran Hospital.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST
HOSPITALS AND HOMES TO MEET IN CHICAGO
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1

REVEREND GEORGE A. BOWLES, Chaplain, will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago February 28 - March 1.

The association is composed of nearly two hundred institutions affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church with headquarters in Chicago. MRS. JOSIE M. ROBERTS, Administrator of the Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas, is president of the association.

MR. TED BOWEN, Assistant Administrator of the Methodist Hospital in Houston, and formerly an intern in Hospital Administration at Barnes Hospital, will give a presentation on Methodists' responsibility for the training of candidates for future hospital administrators.

Highlighting the annual meeting will be the presentation of citations to new members of the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, recognition of personnel with long service records, and addresses by outstanding leaders in hospital and home administration. The late FRANK C. RAND, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barnes Hospital for 27 years, was a 1948 recipient of a citation in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy.

While in Chicago, Reverend Bowles also will attend the meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association on March 1-2.

January 15, Reverend Bowles spoke at a meeting of the Ministerial Alliance at Carlinville, Illinois. His subject was "Religious Care of the Sick." On February 6-8, he attended Ministers' Week of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Highlight of the three day meeting was the dedication of the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University.

CAPPING CEREMONY TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 23

Students in the Washington University School of Nursing who have completed five months of preclinical training will receive their caps in the traditional candlelight ceremony on the evening of February 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Graham Memorial Chapel on the campus of Washington University. MISS LOUISE KNAPP, Director of the School of Nursing, will present the caps to the students of the September class.

MISS RUBY POTTER will make the introductory speech, and after the presentation of the caps, MISS VIRGINIA SANCHEZ, President of the Student Association, will welcome the students into the group. Several musical numbers will be given by members of the class, including a vocal solo by MISS GERTRUDE DAVIS, and a violin, flute and piano trio by MISSES SYLVIA WESTBERG, MARY DURR, and PATRICIA LONG.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be given for students and their families at the Nurses Residence.

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Suppose there is a disaster - any kind of disaster. The Red Cross is always on the scene with medical supplies and with food and clothing for the victims. If there were to be a disaster in this city, if your home and your family were involved, you would have the comforting knowledge that all the resources the Red Cross could muster would be here to see you through. What price tag would you put on that?

Pledge cards may be obtained in the Personnel Office. There will be no payroll deduction this year; however, donations may be made by cash or check, or if requested, the Red Cross will bill you directly at your home. Everyone is urged to make donations as generous as possible.

THIS IS SURGERY!

The dramatic nature of surgery is probably the reason that such interest is shown in the operating rooms, not only by visitors to the hospital, but by the employees as well. Behind the closed doors in Barnes marked "No Admittance," closely coordinated teams of surgeons, nurses and anesthesiologists perform an average of 49-50 operations per day. During 1950 a total of 15,615 operations were performed in the operating rooms at Barnes. In McMillan, an average of about 16 operations are performed daily, with a total of 5,014 for the past year.

The surgical suite on the third floor consists of ten large operating theatres, six of which have observation galleries, a cystoscopy department with seven operating rooms, a plaster room and bronchoscopy room. There are five operating theatres in McMillan. Each of the operating theatres has a scrub room and supply room adjacent to it. Of vital importance is the large supply room located in the surgical suite. Here all the OR linen is checked, folded and autoclaved by the subsidiary workers without whose valuable assistance the surgical unit would have a difficult time functioning. When one learns that Barnes Operating Room owns some 1500 surgical sheets and close to 3000 surgical towels, it is apparent that three nursing assistants and eleven attendants would be kept busy all the time. The staff of ten orderlies performs the vital tasks of transporting patients to and from the OR, helping place the patients in proper position for the operation, checking soiled linens, etc.

MRS. VERNA WILSON, OR Supervisor, also gives the OR secretaries a great deal of credit for the important roles they play. She also feels that enough credit cannot be given to the evening and night shift OR personnel. "We just couldn't click the next day without them," Mrs. Wilson claims

Barnes Hospital was one of the pioneers in the use of green surgical linens to cut down glare. For the same reason the walls in the operating rooms are also painted green, contrary to the popular notion most laymen have that stark white is the predominating color. One of our operating rooms has brightly colored murals on walls and ceilings for the benefit of patients undergoing surgery with a local anesthetic.

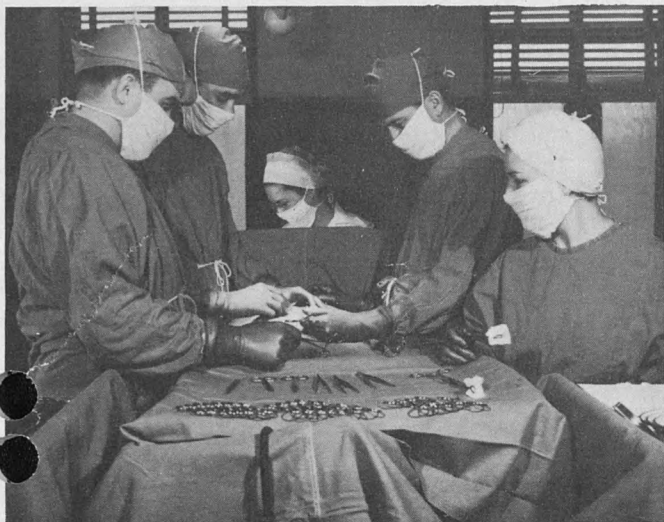
Few people realize the tremendous amount of work involved in every surgical procedure. The sterilization process is most complex. The surgeon must "scrub" for a period of six minutes before an operation, and once the scrubbing process is completed, he will not touch anything that is not sterile until the operation is finished. There are hundreds of different types of instruments to be cared for, many complicated machines to be maintained - all calling for highly specialized skills.

The average OR team consists of the surgeon, the first assistant surgeon, the second assistant surgeon, the anesthesiologist, a scrub nurse, a circulating nurse, an anesthetizing nurse and frequently a medical student.

Standby units are kept in readiness at all times to go into action if any equipment breaks down during an operation or if there should be a power shortage. Large emergency lights operated on batteries could instantly take over if something were to happen to the regular lights. In addition, water suction units are kept in constant readiness.

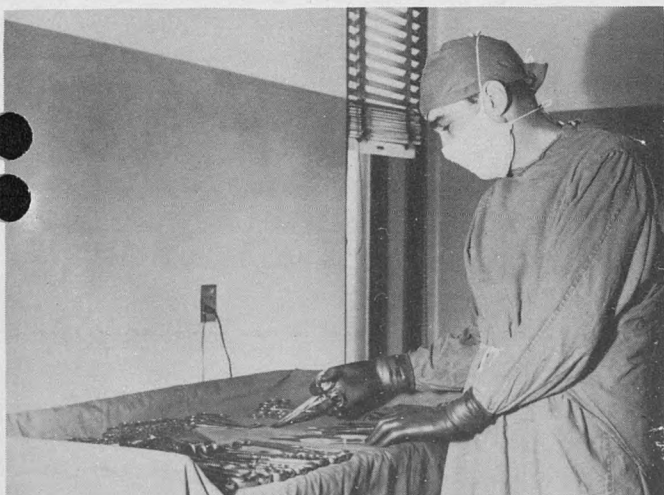
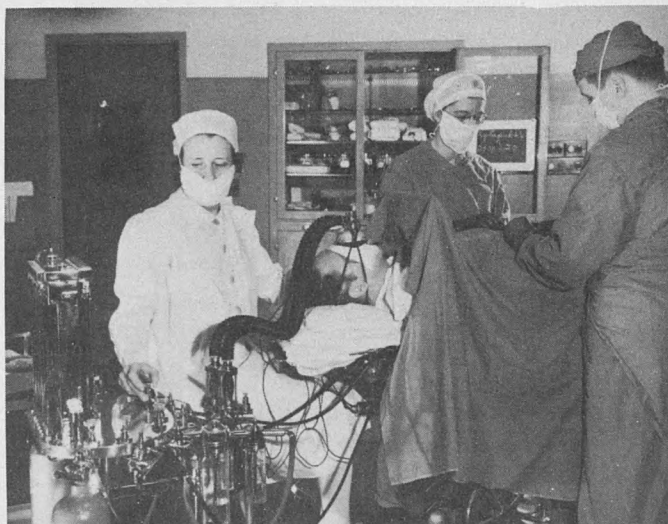
Surgery plays a tremendously important part in the work of helping patients regain their health, and so this month our hats are off to the hard-working personnel of the operating rooms at Barnes and McMillan Hospitals.

(See following page for additional pictures in the operating rooms.)

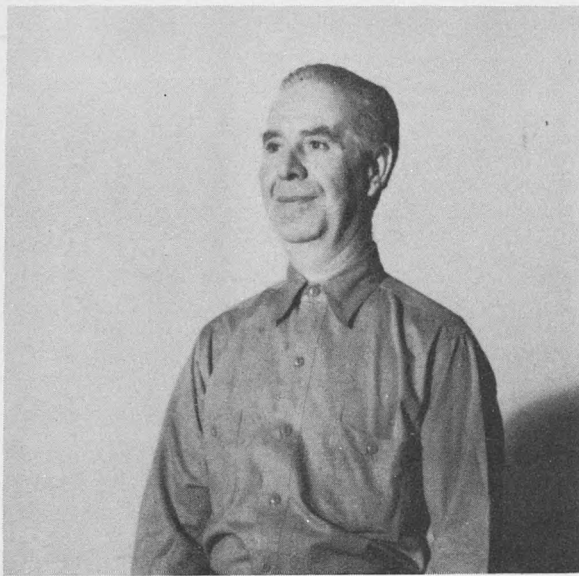


The carefully planned co-operation of the operating team is graphically illustrated in this picture. The assisting surgeons and nurse have anticipated the needs of the surgeon, stand by with tissue forceps, clamp and sponge sticks in readiness.

HELEN LAMB, Director of the School for Nurse Anesthetists, presides at the complicated machinery used in administering anesthesia.



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BARNES PERSONALITY

NORMAN BRUNT, Housekeeping, has lived a very colorful and eventful life - one which has taken him from England to Germany, to South America, and finally to the United States. Mr. Brunt first saw the light of day on December 29, 1890, at Newcastle on the Lyme, in Staffordshire, England.

He left his native land for the first time in 1914 when World War I broke out. A staff sergeant with the Royal Engineers of the British Army, he served first in France, then with the Army of Occupation in Germany. When hostilities ceased, he remained with the Army in a civilian capacity, with the diverse duties of electrical and mechanical engineer as well as baker. One of his proudest possessions is a certificate indicating that he won first prize at the Arts and Crafts Exposition at Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1928, for a three feet high reproduction in cake of the Cathedral at Cologne. Mr. Brunt remained in the Rhineland for about ten years with the exception of a twelve month jaunt to the Amazon territory of South America on a diamond hunting expedition with a group of Americans. They did not unearth any diamonds but had a wealth of exciting ad-

ventures as they explored the wild territory, traveling by horse, small boats, and even by foot through much of the country.

When he and his wife, Katherine, whom he had met in Germany, returned to England in 1929, he accepted a position with S. Bradford and Sons, Ltd., a large bakery in Birmingham, where he worked until he left for the United States in 1947. His younger daughter, Ruby, had married an American, G. I. and was not content until her family joined her in St. Louis.

One of the most difficult adjustments Brunt had to make after coming to the United States was accustoming himself to the enormity of the country. His employer in England had secured a job for him with one of their subsidiary bakeries in Burbank, California, and he had thought it would be quite convenient to hop on a bus and travel to St. Louis for week-end visits with his daughter. Upon discovering that he might as well have remained in England as try to "commute" from California, he instead took a job with the Carr Biscuit Company here in St. Louis. After a short stay there, he came to Barnes where he has been ever since 1948.

In addition to his younger daughter, he has an older girl named Mary, who has also married an American, and a seventeen year old son, Norman. He is understandably proud of the fact that Mary was at one time swimming champion of England. He has one brother who distinguished himself by playing a cornet solo for Queen Victoria when he was nine years old, and three sisters - all still in England. His one hundred year old mother threatens to come to the United States on a visit, and Mr. Brunt feels it is quite possible that the plucky little lady will attempt the journey if he doesn't get home to England soon.

May we present Cavalry Cora whose love for the Army was purely platonic.



KNOW YOUR STAFF

EARL RAPP, Administrative Intern, is a well known personality to most Barnes employees. His work, as an intern in Hospital Administration, takes him to each of the departments in the hospital, where he gains practical experience in all phases of the work by actually working in those departments. By his friendly manner and the genuine interest he shows in every problem he tackles, Mr. Rapp has become a general favorite with everyone.

He received his elementary and high school education in Granite City, Illinois, where he was born on January 26, 1923. He attended St. Louis University for one year before being called into military service in 1943. While in the navy, he attended State University at Hamilton, New York, a year, before being sent to Officers' Training School at Columbia University in New York City. After receiving his ensign's commission, he was sent to communications school at Harvard University, after which he served for two years at Pearl Harbor as communications officer for the fleet commander of all destroyers and cruisers in the Pacific area.

Upon his discharge from the navy in 1946,

he enrolled at Washington University here in St. Louis where he received his A.B. degree. Hospital work had always been of great interest to him; consequently, he entered the class in Hospital Administration of Washington University in 1949 to start work on his Master's Degree. Last year he completed his academic work and now is serving his internship here at Barnes. He is writing his thesis on "Proposed Methods for Improvement of Patient Care Through Diet Therapy." At this writing, he may be found in the Credit Office of Maternity Hospital.

Golf, swimming and tennis consume a lot of his off-duty time. He is quite fond of reading - especially historical novels and poetry - but admits that he has little time for it. He enjoys music of the classical and semi-classical type and chooses a good musical as his favorite type of spectator entertainment.

Driving in a dense fog, a motorist complacently followed the tail light ahead of him. Suddenly the car in front stopped and he crashed into it.

"Why don't you signal when you're going to stop?" he shouted indignantly.

"Why should I?" came the casual reply, "I'm in my own garage."

The customer complained to the waitress that his soup was too soupy, the eggs too eggy, and so on. "And when you order that chop, make it lean."

"Yes, sir," said the girl. "Which way?"

In the American advance during the last days of the war, a sergeant ordered a private to go into a dugout and disperse any of the enemy that happened to be there. The man blanched a bit, swallowed his Adam's apple, and then said huskily, "Sergeant, if you see three or four men come runnin' out of that hole, don't shoot the first one!"

ON THE SCENE

DR. BRADLEY attended meetings of the American Hospital Association held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago February 7-11. He and HELEN LAMB, Director of the School for Nurse Anesthetists, traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, on February 19 to attend the Institute for Nurse Anesthetists conducted by the American Hospital Association. The meetings were held February 19-23. --- MARY LOU STROUP, Former Secretary in Medicine A Clinic, has our best wishes for much happiness in her forthcoming marriage to ROBERT SOLOMON on February 24 up in Michigan. --- MARIE BONNOW, Cashier in the clinics, is back at work again - minus a set of tonsils! --- A hearty welcome to the two newest additions to the Clinical Mic staff - they're PHYLLIS KASS and DORIS MOULDER. The Lab has added another new member to its roster in the person of CHRIS BERRY who is working in the Lab Office. --- Congratulations and best wishes to MR. and MRS. HARRY ROBERTS who were married January 26. Mrs. Roberts, who was formerly ALICE ALLEN, is MR. BOLING's secretary in Maintenance, while her husband is Head Plasterer in that same department. --- The personnel in the Clinic Record Library were sorry to say goodbye to CATHERINE MURPHY of the Typing Pool, who left February 9 to keep house in the new home she and her husband recently built. --- JEAN DALRYMPLE, Junior Staff Nurse in Mc Millan, recently became the bride of MARC SWARTZ, Student at Washington University. --- Best wishes for a speedy recovery to CLYDE TURNBAUGH, Foreman in Maintenance, who has been hospitalized for several weeks. --- Pantry Maids RETHA MAHONE and MATTIE FOSTER have been transferred to the part-time shift so that they may further their education. Retha is taking a practical nursing course, and Mattie is now enrolled at Stowe Teachers' College. --- Congratulations to the newly graduated nurses who have recently come on staff. You all look mighty sharp in those

new white uniforms. --- Barnes employees were interested in the recent marriage of GENE WATSON, who has worked in the hospital Maintenance Department for a number of years during summer and Christmas vacations, to JOYCE BOLING, daughter of CHARLIE BOLING, Chief Engineer.

A backwoods mountaineer found a mirror which a tourist had lost.

"Well, if it ain't my old pappy," he said as he looked in the mirror. "I never knowed he had his picture took."

He took the mirror home and sneaked it up into the attic to hide it. But his actions did not escape his suspicious wife. That night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror.

"Hum-um," she exclaimed, looking into it, "So that's the old hag he's been a-chasin!"

"Just think, old top, you can get a wife in Japan for 50¢."

"Well, I guess a good wife's worth it."

New Patient: "Say, Doctor, I asked that nurse to put a hot-water bottle on my feet and she stuck up her nose and walked away."

Doctor: "What else could you expect? That young man, was the Head Nurse."

New Patient: "Oh, do they specialize that much? Then send me the Foot Nurse."

Friend (at funeral): It must be hard to lose a wife.

Bereaved: Almost impossible.

She: George, you looked awful foolish when you proposed to me.

George: Very likely I was.

Do you know where little boys go who don't put their Sunday school money in the plate?

Yeah. To the movies.