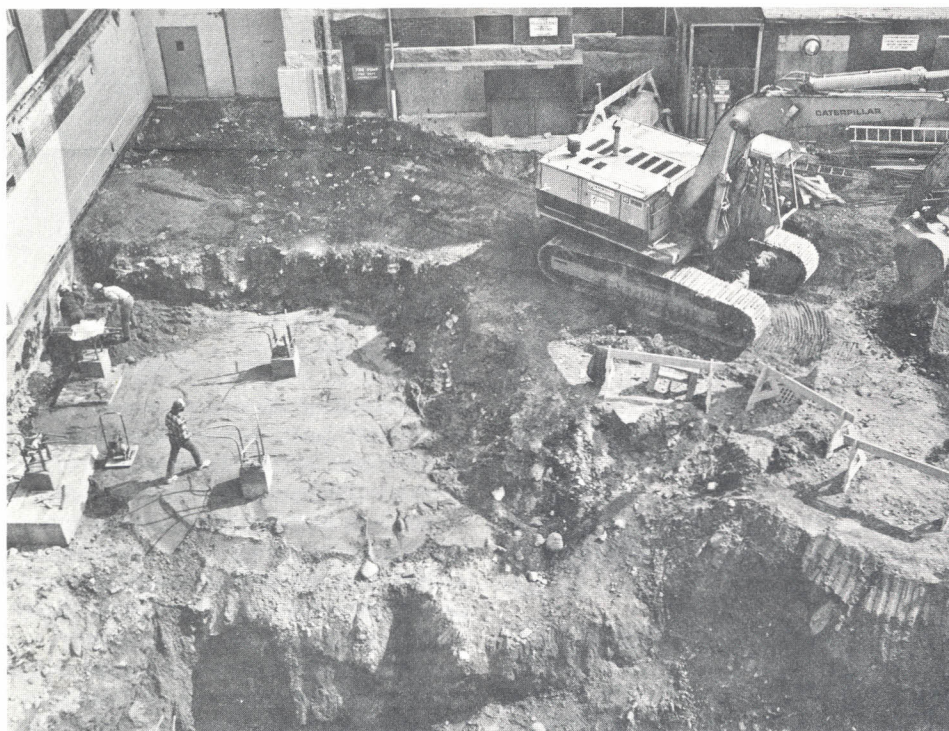


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WORK CONTINUES on what will eventually be a portion of the bypass corridor that will run from the Bramhall Lobby to the new wing. This photo was taken from the fourth floor of the Richards wing. More construction photos inside. . .

Rotary House Fund earning gratitude

The Rotary House Fund is a project growing in volume and earning the "continued gratitude of Maine Medical Center and the patients and families it has benefitted," according to a recent MMC report. The project, begun last August by the Rotary Club of Portland, is designed to ease the burden on indigent relatives of MMC patients by providing free or low-cost overnight housing.

In his second quarterly report to the Rotary Club on use of the program, MMC Vice President for Planning and Public Affairs Donald E. Nicoll noted: "the volume of assistance has grown as the program has become better

known, but the cost of the much needed help is still very modest."

The first two reports filed by Nicoll account for the first half year of operation of the program in general but impressive terms: The Fund has been used 27 times to assist families of 18 MMC patients. Eleven of those patients have been children, and of those eleven, eight have been infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Center. Of the seven adults, four have been obstetrical patients and two have been cardiac patients. The patients have come from nine of Maine's 16 counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Somerset, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and York. Family members using the service have been spouses, parents,

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Hudson will chair Leadership Division

Portland area civic leader and business executive Perry M. Hudson has been named Chairman of the Leadership Gifts Division of the Maine Medical Center Capital Campaign, "To Meet the Need." Vincent B. Welch, Esq., Campaign Chairman, indicated that Mr. Hudson is responsible for the solicitation of top individual, business, and foundation prospects. "You can be certain the Leadership Gifts Division is in good hands with Perry Hudson," said Welch. He added, "I am confident he and his team will have an outstanding Divisional Campaign as they seek gifts in the range of \$100,000 to \$250,000."

Hudson, a Corporator and member of the Development Committee at MMC, participates in various hospital projects. Active in the community, he currently is Chairman of the Board of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce. He also holds directorships with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine, Depositors Trust of Southern Maine, United Way, Gulf of Maine Aquarium, Area Development Council, and is President of the Maine Council on Economic Education. He also is past chairman of the Portland Metro of National Alliance of Business. He serves as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Southern Maine Community Programs for Affordable Health Care.

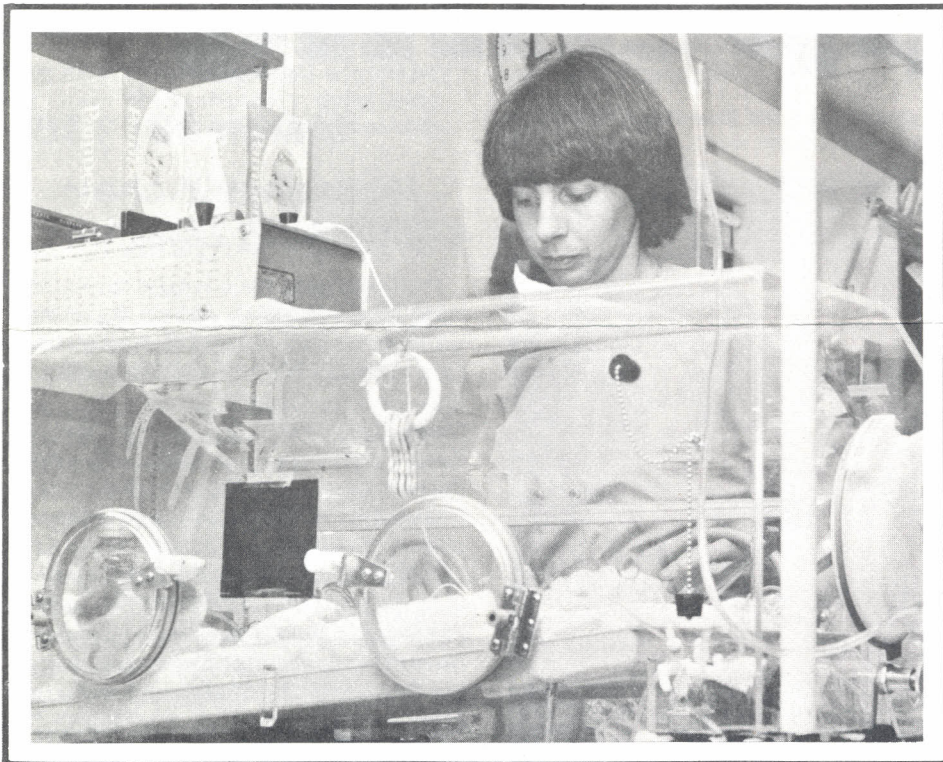
Hudson graduated from Columbia College in 1948 and was then associated with New England Telephone his entire career. After working in various capacities, he was named General Manager for Maine in 1972, a position he held until his retirement in 1981.

Hudson and his wife Lenore, a volunteer at Maine Medical Center, have four children and live in Cumberland Foreside.

Where does all the blood go?

Six times each year, Maine Medical Center employees are asked to donate the Gift of Life -- a pint of blood -- during the Red Cross blood drive. The next drive is coming April 1, 7 AM - 4:30 PM, in Classrooms 3 & 4.

As a major medical center, MMC uses a large amount of blood. That blood is used in many ways in many places, and this is the first in a series that will look at those places.



One of the big users of blood at MMC is the Neonatal Intensive Care Center. The use is not heavy in terms of volume, because only 10-20 cc's are used at a time, but in terms of the percentage of patients receiving blood. Director of Neonatology Alistair Philip, M.D., says that "overall, about half of our patients will receive blood at least once, and virtually all of the very low birthweight babies -- 1,500 grams -- will receive blood several times."

Premature infants need blood for the same reasons as adults, such as for replacement during surgery, but also for some reasons peculiar to their situation. Their mothers may have been hemorrhaging at the time of delivery, for instance, and any blood loss by the mother may also create a blood loss in the infant. A baby of low birth weight, of course, cannot afford to lose too much blood.

The neonate's size also presents a problem in what would otherwise be the routine drawing of blood for lab tests. As Dr. Philip explains, "our patients have a blood volume of about 80 cc's per kilogram of body weight. When the patient weighs little more than a kilogram, the removal of 8 cc's of blood for lab tests over a day or two is significant. The loss of what might be up to a tenth of the total volume of blood must be replaced to avoid tipping the baby into shock."

About People

Jacquelyn L. Robinson, an alcoholism consultant in the Community Psychiatry Division of MMC's Department of Psychiatry, has been named to the Board of Registration of Substance Abuse Counselors. She is also vice president of the Southern Region Al-

cohol and Drug Abuse Council.

Frank H. Lawrence, M.D., Chief of Emergency Medicine at MMC and Director of the Maine Poison Control Center, was reappointed to the Maine Pesticides Control Board last Tuesday. His appointment to a second term was made by Governor Joseph Brennan and confirmed by the State Senate.

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siblings, children, and grandparents of patients.

From the beginning of August through January 31, 1983, a total of \$1,484 has been expended from the fund.

Nicoll said the program is working well. "The assistance is readily available and is meeting a real need. Our experience to date justifies the Rotary Club's decision to provide housing assistance through this flexible and cost-effective approach." Nicoll points out that unlike similar programs using fixed, dedicated housing to provide for the families of only certain kinds of patients, the Rotary House Fund uses an existing hotel resource to provide help to a variety of people. MMC and the Rotary had, Nicoll says, explored the possibility of a fixed site such as a Ronald McDonald House, but opted instead for the housing fund.

The Rotary House Fund is administered by MMC's Social Services Department, based on referrals from Admitting or Emergency. Eligibility is determined by a variety of factors as is the proportion of assistance in each case. MMC pays for the housing and is reimbursed by the Rotary Club. The program is helping the hospital -- which has always assisted families in locating temporary housing -- to make help available to many more people. In the past MMC had sufficient funds available to help in only the most extenuating and worst-case circumstances.

The ability to help more people at times when they are faced with the trauma of serious illness or injury, to ease the emotional as well as the financial stress, is a facet of the program to be weighed heavily as Rotary and hospital officials assess the program through its first year.

The fund, which began with \$9,000 set aside for the first year, works on a special arrangement worked out by Rotary with the Executive Inn in Portland. It is also available for use at other hotels and rooming houses.

Morphology

Chester W. White, M.D., Staff Anesthesiologist, who retired recently after 15 years at MMC, left two hospital-oriented, Morphology-type observations with us:

- *Any two flexible tubular structures within 50 feet of each other will become entangled.*
- *The paperwork will increase to overflow the nursing station.*



EAC goes down to the sea again this April

The Employee Activity Committee's Annual Mini-Cruise aboard the M/S Scotia Prince will take place May 6-7. The \$59.00 (per person, double occupancy) overnight excursion includes the passage, a stateroom, a buffet breakfast, a buffet dinner, a complimentary cocktail, dancing, entertainment, and access to the casino and duty-free gift shops.

The Scotia Prince departs Portland at 9:00 PM Friday, May 6, and returns from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia at 7:30 PM Saturday, May 7. For reservations, call Sue Morrison, x2416.

Please Note

The following books and/or journals are being listed by the MMC Health Sciences Library as "Missing and Presumed Forgotten About." If you have them, please return them posthaste. Other eyes are waiting.

CCQ: Critical Care Quarterly, v. 4 #2, Sept. 1981 and v. 4 #3, Dec. 1981.

Pediatric Nursing, v. 6, 1980.

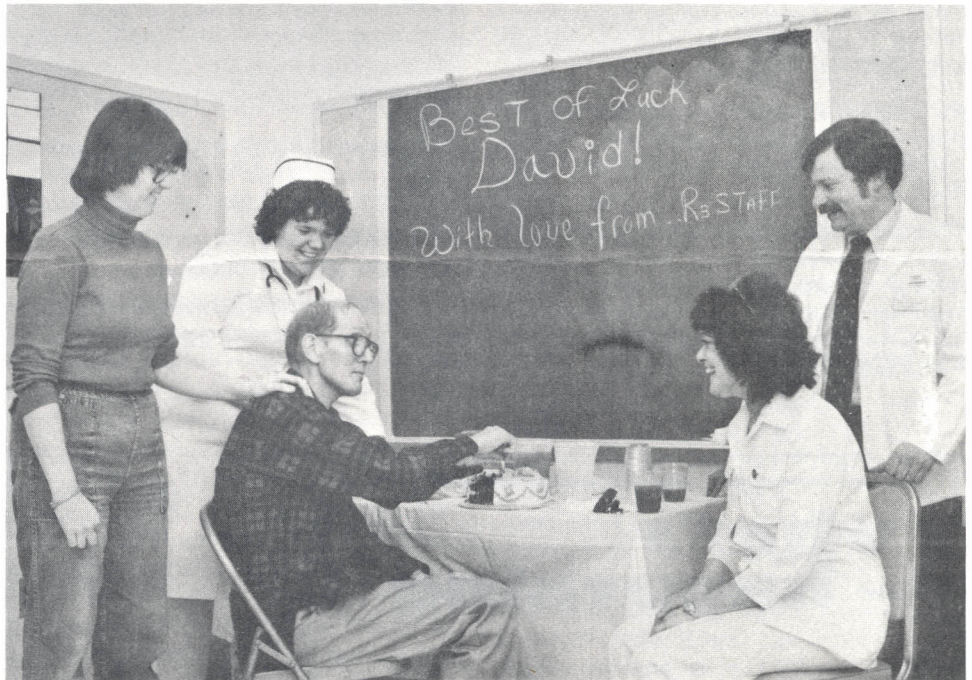
Practical Points in Pediatrics, by John E. Allen, Med. Exam. Pub., 1977. WS 100 A15 1977.

Blunt and Penetrating Trauma, by Allen Eugene Fisch, Saunders, 1982, call no. WO 700 F528b 1982.

A Guide to Physical Examination, by Barbara Bates, Lippincott, 1979. WB 205 B31 1979.



THREE 20,000 GALLON OIL TANKS were swung into place behind the Engineering Services Building last week. They will hold #4 fuel oil for the hospital's boilers. Above left, workers close the mid-point gap in the sheltered walkway leading to the parking ramp. All traffic to the construction site will now use the lower road. (A/V Photos)



A FOND SEND-OFF, hosted by R-3 staff and attended by people from several MMC departments, highlighted discharge day recently for David Lausier of Freeport. Hospitalized since December, Lausier became one of the R-3 family, and this party was their way of saying good-bye and good luck. Pictured from left: Mrs. Lausier, Pat Moore, RN, Lausier, Pauline Vokey, RN, and Pharmacist Tom Scarponcini. (A/V Photo)

Marketplace

FOR RENT: In Yarmouth, sunny, spacious apt. 2-3 BR. \$450/mo. plus utils. Avail. April 1. Call 846-6330.

FOR RENT: Westbrook condo, 2 BR, w-w, new appliances, parking, yard. Pets and children okay. \$450/mo. Call Terry at 775-0878.

FOR RENT: One BR, single occupancy apt. near MMC. Heated, quiet bldg. \$240/mo. Avail. April 1. References. 775-1077.

FOR RENT: One BR apt. on Gray St. near MMC. Unfurnished. \$320/mo. includes utils. and parking. Sec. dep. Call 767-5707.

FOR RENT: Deering St. apt. LR, BR, kitchenette, full bath, heated, hot water, parking. \$295/mo. Call 774-5332.

FOR SALE: 1972 mobile home, 12 x 60; 2 BR, new refrig., range w/hood, washing machine, wooden storage shed, new carpet, air conditioning, 100 gals. oil in tank (heated w/only 300 gals. last year); mint cond., quiet rented lot in Gray. \$8,900. Call Mike Duchaine, 657-4135 eves., 797-4304 days.

FOR SALE: 1981 Sacks Sundancer moped; brand new, 600 miles. \$400 or best offer. Contact Sue at 799-6859.

FOR SALE: Story and Clark upright piano. \$500. Call 775-3064.

FOR SALE: Double bed and dresser; priced reasonably; am moving, must sell. Call 655-7775 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: 8mm Bell & Howell movie projector, \$25; Kodak automatic 8mm cartridge movie camera, \$25. Call 781-4427.

FOR SALE: 1980 CME 400 Honda motorcycle. 5-speed, extras included. Vetter fairing, Bates saddlebags, backrest, luggage rack, safety bar, new tires. 10,000 miles. \$1,700 or best offer. Call 829-5829 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: Male baby goat, \$25; 6-year-old ewe, \$50. Call 929-5244.

FOR SALE: 16mm sound projector with various 16mm films. \$450. Call 773-2547.

WANTED: Housemate; Woodfords area, big house. Call 772-6055.

WANTED: Two responsible adult women wish to housesit/caretake within 30 min. of Portland. Experienced, refs. avail. Call (603) 726-3835.

WANTED: Apartment sitter for month of June. 3 blocks from MMC. Must like cats. Call 773-3258 between 4-7 PM.

WANTED: Typing at home. Call after 5 PM, 774-7400.

RiDE NEEDED: To Boston airport or Pennsylvania on March 31 or April 1. Call Rick, 774-1226 eves.

RIDER WANTED: To Philadelphia on April 4. Call Jeanne, 774-1226 eves.

BABYSITTING: Willing to babysit in homes weeknights for parents who work night shifts. Have had experience and am very dependable. References avail. Call 773-6595, after 4 PM.

PAINTING, PAPERING: Quality work at reasonable rates. Call Joe, 773-0934, after 5 PM.

WANTED: New or used canoe, 14' or 16', fiberglass or aluminum. Price range, \$150 - \$250. Call Dick, 772-8991, 8 AM to 5 PM.

HOME REPAIRS: For repair or construction of decks, porches, stairs, or for any home repair problems, call 774-4899.

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