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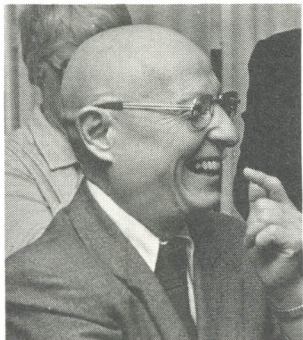
Mental health center will be named for E. J. McGeachey, Jr.

The new home of Maine Medical Center's Community Mental Health Center will be named for Edward J. McGeachey, Jr. That decision, announced following the October meeting of Trustees, has been described as one of the most spontaneous, unanimous and universally popular actions ever taken at MMC.

Edward J. McGeachey, Jr., Associate Vice President for Risk Management, has been an Everyman among people concerned with health care for the past 30 years. And he is known everywhere -- across the state by colleagues, legislators and health agency regulators, as well as throughout this hospital



Alan M. Elkins, M.D., makes the announcement and Edward J. McGeachey, Jr., is, in his own word, "speechless." (A/V Photos)



by staff, visitors and patients who for generations have depended on his expertise and dedication.

To recognize a lifetime of service is an obvious step; but why the naming of a mental health facility? Alan M. Elkins, M.D., Chief of the Department of Psychiatry, explains:

"Before the growth of psychiatric services 10 or 12 years ago, a lot depended on Ed McGeachey, as a hospital administrator. Generations of house officers depended on him to help place multi-problem patients. He always found a way.

"Ultimately it was Ed who wrote the original proposal that gained federal

funding for this Community Mental Health Center. It's important to point out that now we are one of the few such centers no longer receiving government grants that have maintained a high quality of services. Ed designed the program and it's stood the test of time, standing on its own without any propping up by tax-payers' money," says Dr. Elkins.

The Community Mental Health Center, housed in Holt Hall for the past eight years, will move to the building currently known as Vaughan Hall, probably in the fall of 1981. The hospital recently submitted and was granted a Certificate of Need from the Depart-

ment of Human Services to begin a \$1.5 million renovation program. Work should begin at the Vaughan Street site in mid-December.

The move from Holt Hall is necessary, MMC officials say, because of the deteriorating condition of the nearly 100-year-old building which once housed the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary. The building which will bear the name of Edward J. McGeachey, Jr., has served as an apartment house, as dormitory for the Maine General Hospital and then the Mercy Hospital schools of nursing, and as a dormitory for MMC's School of Radiologic Tech-

Awards coffee to honor 157 employees

Nearly 2,000 hours of service to Maine Medical Center will be represented when 157 employees receive award pins on Monday. Holding the record at the November 24th Service Award Coffee, 9:30 to 11 AM in the Cafeteria conference rooms, will be Food Services consultant Eleanor Gee; she has been with MMC 40 years.

Honored for 35 years service will be Howard Russell, Food Services, and Lega Regina, Anesthesia. Thirty year service honorees are Shirley Eastman, Nursing; Merle Usher, Food Services; and Gloria Nichols, Cafeteria. Elaine Smalley, Nursing, will receive her 25-year pin.

Employees honored for 20 years service will be Marcia Halloran, OR; Anneliese Andrews, M.D., Anesthesia; Eleanor Lacombe, Research; Theodore Morin, Engineering; and Jannette

Smith, Edna Young, Patricia Halloran, Sarah Lessard, Gertrude Smith, all of Nursing.

15 years of service: Joan Bakker, OR; Marlene Valeriani, Pharmacy, Marie Doiron, Ruth Walsh, Housekeeping; Thelma Dipierro, Radiology; Alden Whitney, Food Services; Barbara Jensen, Margaret Herrman, Nursing.

10 years of service: Gordon Heath, M.D., Sandra Aube-Langella, Mental Health; Douglas MacKenzie, A/V; Gail St. Jock, Norman Murphy, Ralph Robbins, Housekeeping; Ida Demakis, Cardiology; Rosalyn Flaherty, ORT School; Linda Philbrick, Maureen Bien, OR; Edwin Gallant, Arthur Stevenson, Unit Manager; Katherine Roy, Chemistry; Daniel Soule, Linda Capron, Emergency.

Sandra Perry, Medical Records; Evelyn Weiss, Cecelia Cierpich, Sally Heald, Hematology; Joseph Martell, Deborah Dambrie, Accounting; Donat Gorneault, Linen; James Fraser, Risk

Management; Lynne Jackson, Utilization Review; Helen Chamberlain, Patient Accounts; Barbara Beaudoin, Cytology.

Ruth Corbett, Karen Lillebrown, Audrey Anderson, Ethel Ball, Simone Blanchette, David Gallant, Rosalie Trask, Martha Johnston, Patricia Donovan, James Cummings, Marlene Moulén, Wilma Reed, Kathleen Bachelord, Annette Dearborn, Suzanne Gokey, Faith Woodman, Ellen McDonough, Jacqueline Beaulieu, Linda Farley, Barbara Sevigny, Barbara Mannion, Anna Ciccarelli, all of Nursing.

5 years of service: Marc Lausier, Dean Lovell, Debra Bean, Pharmacy; Dorette Kempton, Hematology; Dale Ellis, Alice Adams, Arlene Hodgdon, Leola Vinal, Housekeeping; Roberta Meserve, Medical Records; Linda Sullivan, Blood Bank; Elizabeth Crozier, Radiology; Robert Lapham, Barbara Norton, Susan Leighton, Emergency; Edward Andrews, Jr., M.D., President.

Lucille Chouinard, Cytology; Joan Wagner, Diane Davies, Jane Weed, Pamela Dulac, OR; David Sawyer, Nephrology; Martha Blackwelder, Carol Libby, Dorothy Curran, Patient Accounts; Patricia Larochelle, Hildur Abrahamson, Chemistry; Kathryn Klopp, Cardiac Surgery; Kenneth Sawtelle, Jutta Nappi, CSD; Charlotte Bickford, Endocrine Research; J. Mark Kjeldgaard, M.D., Joanne Drost, Pulmonary Medicine.

Cathel MacLeod, M.D., Heart Catheterization, Kenneth Hill, Nancy Cross, James Riechel, M.D., Anesthesia; Mary Morin, Microbiology; Julie Wooden, Data Management; Helen Davison, Accounting; Donald Nicoll, Planning; Mary Fleming, Switchboard; Gloria Brown, Pathology.

Department of Nursing, 5 years of service: Brenda Provencher, Karen Saucier, Marjorie Erico, Barbara Eyerman, Marianne Gagne, Ellen Murphy, Katherine Hinrichs, Mary McNeil, Cynthia Coughlan, Gayle Barstow, Elaine Duguay, Tamlyn Carlson, Elaine Conner, Patricia Bernard, Linda Kelley, Diane Brown, Mary MacDaid, Brenda Cushman, Jerilyn McMenamin, Jane Coolidge, Jane Cashman, Debra Kimball, Beverly Smith, Karen Dean, Karen Ham, Elizabeth Darling.

Margaret Taylor, Dianne Loggins, Carole Merrill, Joan Pierce, Cynthia Wood, Diane Davignon, Veronica Davis, Cynthia Pratt, Nancy Jordan, Hazen Spearin, Barbara Sawyer, Maria Moustrophis, Janet Corrigan, William Barter, Ethel Lydon, and Helena Heels.



GRADUATES OF A FOUR-WEEK CRITICAL CARE NURSING COURSE at MMC, standing from left, Karen Bisson, RN, CICU-MMC; Carole Noble, RN, Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Bridgton; Brenda Peaslee, RN, MMC-SCU; MMC Staff Development instructor Judy Thomas, RN, course instructor; Suzanne Legere, RN, MMC-CICU; Danny Goerlich, RN, Northern Maine Medical Center, Ft. Kent; Gerry Deprey, RN, Northern Maine Medical Center, Ft. Kent; Jayne Wixon, RN, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. Seated from left, Katherine Smith, RN, Rutland Hospital, Rutland, Vermont; Elizabeth Johnson, RN, Regional Memorial Hospital, Brunswick; MaryAnne Miller, RN, MMC-SCU; Marcia Bouchard, RN, Osteopathic Hospital, Portland. Front from left, Catherine Hasty, RN, Rex Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina; Katherine French, RN, Osteopathic Hospital, Portland. Not present for the photo were: Jane O'Brien, RN, Rutland Hospital, Rutland, Vermont; Parker Conner, RN, MMC-R.R.

Christmas party being readied for employees

The 1980 Christmas Holiday Reception is scheduled for the traditional third Tuesday in December, which this year falls on the 16th. Plans call for a reception similar to last year's, with a 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM reception for the night shift and a 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM reception for all other employees.

Once again, Food Services will outdo itself to produce a spectacular buffet offering, including the quiche, puff pastries, and hors d'oeuvres that have brought rave reviews in the past. Traditional Christmas organ music will complement the decor and mood, and Tony Boffa will provide an amplified musical treat.

The window-decorating contest will highlight the festivities again this year, and contestants are urged to secure their windows early. There are only 18 windows available, and reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. More details later.

Invitations will be included with paychecks in early December, and as more details become available you'll see them in *What's Happening*.

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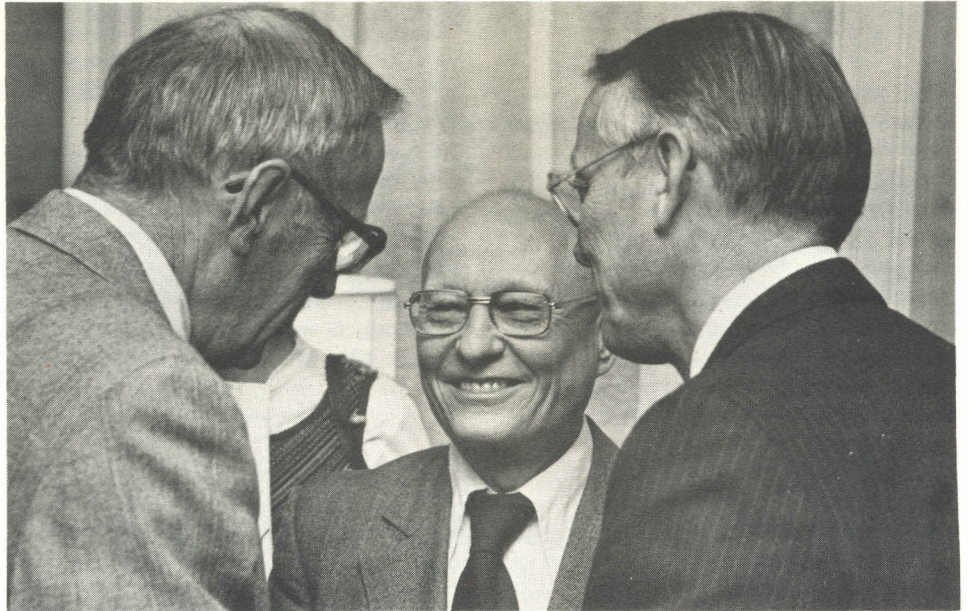
nology. It will lend itself ideally and economically to remodeling as the Community Mental Health Center.

Currently the Community Mental Health program provides for some 60,000 outpatient visits a year; direct services include Adult and Children's Outpatient services, the Partial Care Program, Day Services and the Outreach Program which offers consultation to social agencies, health facilities, schools, police, and other community agencies in developing supportive mental health programs.

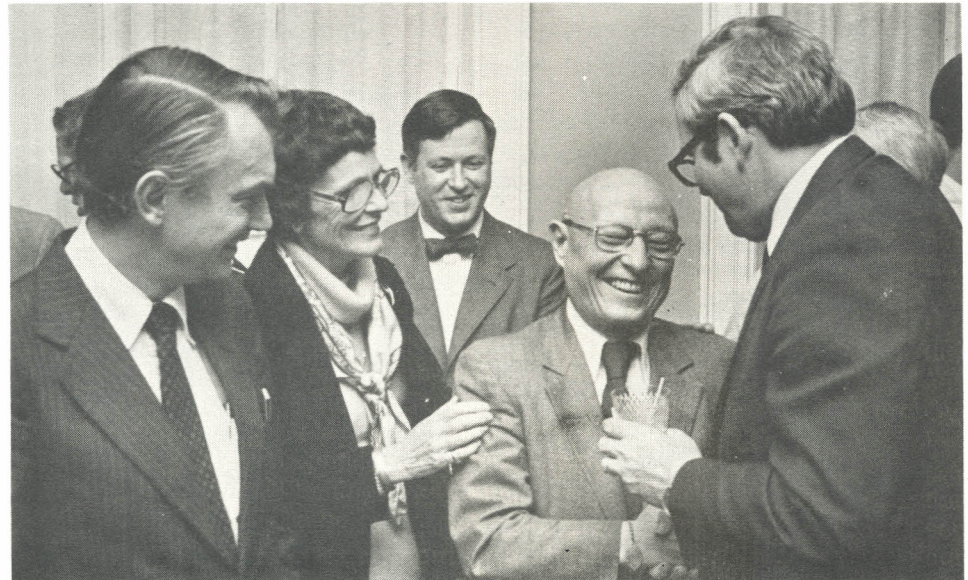
"Naming the center for Ed McGeachey is MMC's statement that the center is here to stay," Dr. Elkins says, "just like Ed McGeachey is here to stay. His accomplishments are so tied to developments in mental health."

All agree. A sampling of sentiments from long-time associates follows:

Agnes E. Flaherty, RN, Director of Nursing, Webber Hospital and formerly Vice President of Nursing, MMC: "Naming the center for Ed McGeachey is an appropriate recognition of a man who has been dedicated to high quality, effective programs for people needing mental health services in Maine for 30 years. I'm delighted he's receiving this recognition."



CONGRATULATING ED McGEACHEY (above) are Roger F. Woodman, (left) former Chairman of the MMC Board, and Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., President. (Below, left to right) Turner Bledsoe, M.D., Vice President for Health Affairs, Mrs. Herbert S. Holmes, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Board, Robert B. Williamson, Jr., Secretary of the Board, Mr. McGeachey, and Donald L. McDowell, Vice President and Treasurer. (A/V Photos)



Walter R. Christie, M.D., Assistant Chief of Psychiatry: "Ed McGeachey has always been concerned for the welfare of the mentally ill, and has been one of the significant forces in developing good services, both at MMC and in the community at large. Naming the center for him is a solid symbolic statement of the kind of energy and concern he has shown."

Edward J. McGeachey, III, Assistant Administrator, Webber Hospital: "He's my favorite person -- and I can't think of anyone who deserves this more."

Sadie Hawkins, ASW, Social Services: "It's the most deserved thing I can think of. Working for Mr. McGeachey is the greatest experience... his loyalty

to his people and his patients gives everyone a wonderful sense of security. We're all thrilled that he's being honored.

Ada Meserve, RN, Head Nurse on R1: "Through the years, Mr. McGeachey has always responded to the people who work with him. Whether we were concerned about patients with special problems, or had problems of our own -- especially in dealing with changes over the years -- we never hesitated to call him. Often that means calling him at home, but we know he cares and that he would want us to call."

Douglass W. Walker, M.D., retired vice president for health affairs: "Great, simply great, well deserved and most appropriate."

Marketplace

FOR RENT: 3 room efficiency apt. at 12 Deering St., heated, parking. \$250/mo. Call 774-5332.

FOR RENT: 1968 2 BR mobile home in Old Orchard Beach. Porch and outside shed. \$125/mo. plus \$65/mo. park rental plus utils. Call Carla at 892-2096 mornings.

FOR RENT: 3 room split foyer house in So. Portland. Family room with bar, stove, refrig., W&D. Children and pets welcome. Sec. dep. and refs. \$380/mo. plus utils. Call 799-5442 after 6 PM.

FOR RENT: 4 room apt., 2nd floor, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, 1 year lease, \$290 sec. dep. Avail. Dec. 1. \$290/mo. includes heat. No pets, no children. Cheverus H.S. area. Call 773-6175 days or eves.

FOR RENT: House trailer on 5 acre secluded lot in Freeport. 2 BRs, 25 min. to MMC, furnished or unfurnished, garden ready for next spring, plenty of privacy. \$200/mo. Call 865-4394 after 6 PM.

FOR RENT: 3 BR chalet, 4 miles from Sugarloaf mountain. Avail. X-mas and February vacations. Sleeps 8-10. Call Fran at 772-2811 days.

FOR SALE: ERC component stereo, AM/FM, turntable, 2 speakers, 8 track. RCA mobile CB radio with adaptor and wiring. Call 773-2300 eves.

FOR SALE: Portland Stove Foundry #3 Franklin Stove. Includes boot, grate, pipe, screen. Ex. cond., \$200. Call 799-7439.

FOR SALE: New Levis size 28-29, washed once, never worn. Will sell for \$14. Call Jayne at 829-5035.

FOR SALE: 1971 Volkswagon Superbeetle, needs body repair and minor mechanical repair, good mileage. \$750. Call 773-4669 days.

ROOMMATE WANTED: 5 room apt. on Woodford Street to share. \$190/mo. includes heat and parking. Call 773-8999 after 5 PM.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Apt. to share in Deering High School area, Pleasant Ave. \$125/mo. includes utils. Call 799-5039 after 5 PM.

WANTED: Female to share spacious 3 BR townhouse apt. with two women. Rent \$150/mo. includes heat and HW. Call 797-4887 after 5:30 PM.

WANTED: Professional female seeks same (25-35) to share large apt., rural setting, 5 min. from MMC. Call 774-4811 days or 773-5098 from 9-10 PM.

Thanks...

"What's Happening" 10/22/80 (article on 10th anniversary of E.D.N.A.) inspired me to write a testimonial to the excellence of the Maine Medical Center.

In the evening of March 9, this writer was standing in her living room when her hip broke, causing her to crumple to the floor. Neighbors came immediately. Our physician and Medcu were called. In record time, the gentle ambulance attendants turned me over to E.D.N.A. An evening of X-rays and diagnoses followed. By midnight, the writer was ensconced in a warm, clean, cheerful room.

Monday was filled with tests, intravenous feeding, and careful planning by the surgeon. Pre-op and post-op procedures went smoothly. Shall continue to be awed by the advanced medical techniques and admirable professionalism.

Twenty nurses, therapists, technicians, housekeepers, and skilled dieticians made life pleasant for weeks. Soon one is amazed to be walking on level floors, ramps, and stairs.

A therapist and homemaker worked with me for months until I was able to run an apartment and be a useful citizen once again.

Sincere appreciation,
Miss Nellie M. Dearborn

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Education for RNs is topic of program

In response to increasing interest among registered nurses, the Maine Medical Center Department of Nursing is presenting "Educational Opportunities for Registered Nurses," designed to inform RNs of baccalaureate and masters degree programs available in southern Maine. MMC Vice President for Nursing Judith Stone, R.N., will discuss education for the registered professional nurse, and a panel of educators representing Westbrook College, the University of Southern Maine, St. Joseph's College, Boston University, and the University of New England will outline current programs, plans for future programs, and admission requirements.

All RNs at MMC are invited to attend the session, to be held Monday, December 1, at 4 PM in Classrooms 3 & 4. For more information, contact Linda Pearson, RN, Director for Nursing Education, at 2734.

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