

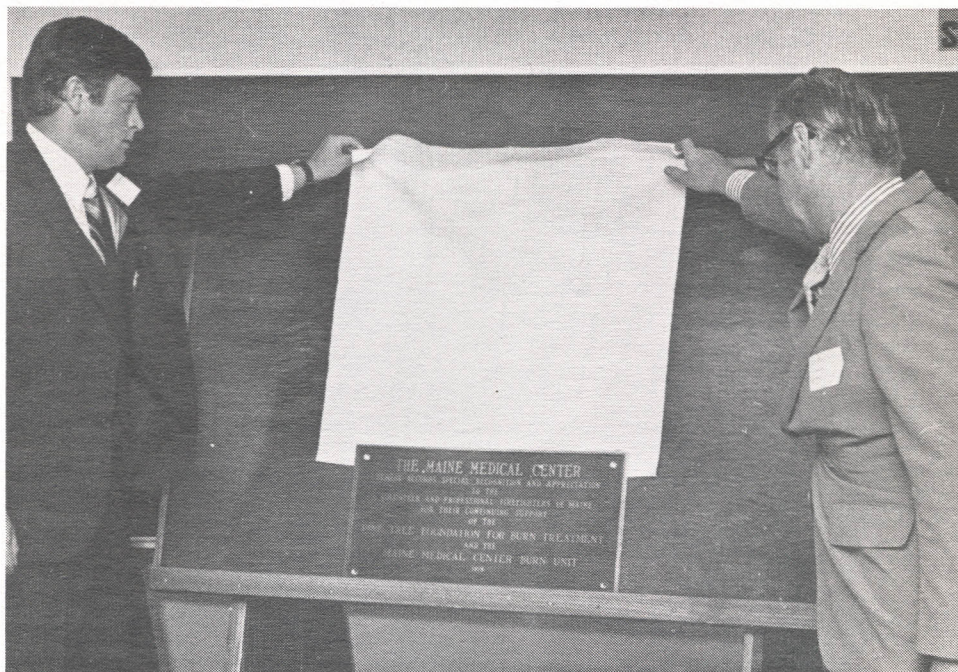
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Pine Tree Foundation thanks Maine firefighters for burn program role



A PLAQUE honoring the Maine State Federation of Firefighters is being unveiled by Max L. Powell, III, and Dr. Richard C. Britton. (A/V Photo)

Max L. Powell, trustee and past president, Pine Tree Foundation for Burn Treatment, thanked the Maine State Federation of Firefighters for their support of burn treatment at a program here last week. The Federation, especially the Cumberland and York County chapters, helped to raise \$120,000 that was used to establish the MMC Burn Unit.

Dr. Richard C. Britton, chief of Surgery and director of the Burn Unit at MMC, presented a progress report on the facility.

The unit, Britton pointed out, now makes it possible for severely burned adults to be treated in Maine. He said, specialized equipment and a highly trained staff, have helped to cut in half the average length of stay for a burn patient.

MMC is part of a state-wide burn care system, Dr. Britton said. There are 46 hospitals that have designated a physician as a "Burn Officer." This officer educates members of his hospital staff in proper burn care and directs emergency and stabilizing treatment for patients who need to be transferred to one of the four burn centers in Maine located at Gould Memorial Hospital, Presque Isle; Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor; Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston and MMC.

Concluding the program, Powell and Dr. Britton unveiled a plaque honoring the Maine State Federation of Firefighters for their service and many contributions to the treatment of burn victims in Maine.

Donors needed for blood drawing

Chairman Bill Gousse says YOU can help push the THANK-YOU-MARGE HARRIS blood drive to success this Friday, July 6.

YOU can help by volunteering as a donor, not only to express thanks for the long record of Marge Harris as MMC Blood Drive Chairman, but to provide much-needed blood, a scarce item this time of year.

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Miss Cairns submits Jan. 16 resignation

Miss Eleanor C. Cairns, Chief Librarian at MMC for the past 13 years, has submitted her resignation effective January 16, 1980.

In a recent letter to Reynold R. Welch, associate vice president, she commented that "few librarians have had the encouragement, support and appreciation of the administrative officers and staff members that I have enjoyed during my 13 years at MMC."

Accepting her resignation, Welch wrote "It is we who have benefitted from your leadership and vision in bringing the Health Services Library to its level of excellence both in content and quality of service to its users.

"To the sincere thanks I express on behalf of the Administration for all you have contributed, I want to add my personal thanks for your cooperation and contributions to our working relationship. Recognizing that January 16, 1980 does give us some time, I look forward to continuing to work with you toward improved library service."

How do you sign up?

Easily...just stop at the table in the Admitting Lobby, or see one of the following Blood Donor Recruitment Committee members:

Cliff Hoover, Pul. Med.; Jim DeGrandpre, Personnel; Frank Magnarelli, Clin. Eng.; Ronnie Davis, OPD; Sally Doe, Radiology; Pat Niboli, Lab; Nat Roberts, Hskg.; Alice Rose, Tumor Reg.; Toni Rauch, Admitting and Pt. Accts.;

Sue Langlois, R3; Bob Auger, Pharmacy; Wendy Heyworth, OPD; Bev Cookson, Dietary; Kathy Tremblay, Radiology; Julie Wooden, Admin.; Patty Borcharding, OPD; Elizabeth Carriuolo, Personnel; Norma Saunders, Holt Hall; Denise Coppinger, Radiology.

Irene Dempsey, Blood Bank; Don Bailer, OR; Bob Lapham, EmD; Mike Sheldon, EmD; Jim Fraser, Security; Eileen Wyatt, Lab; Mary Duffy, Radiology; Jill Johnson, Lab; Ann McDonaugh, Family Practice; Annette Dearborn, Nursing Office and Margaret Sawyer, Nursing Office.

Hospital locks changeover begins

Robert Miller, property management and safeguards coordinator, has begun a general changeover of hospital door locks to provide a safety plan to accompany the building access program.

The present system is no longer effective, said Miller. The locks are wearing out and are easily accessible to tampering. They will be replaced by cylinders with rotating steel pins, making it harder to pick the lock. The front part of the cylinder has hardened steel rods to prevent the penetration of a drill.

Miller feels the new cylinders will provide higher security standards, and the use of the master key will be more restricted than in the past. The old locks will be put up for bid through area locksmiths.

Miller recently attended a workshop at the Medeco plant in Salem, Virginia, to better acquaint himself with the new system, which he recommended after a two-year review.

Tumor Registrars meet in Portland

Representatives from hospitals in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine recently attended the annual meeting and symposium of the Tumor Registrars Association of New England Maine Chapter at the Red Coach Convention Center in Portland.

A panel discussion was held on "The Emotional and Financial Impact of Cancer on the Patient and Family."

Maryann Ogonowski, MMC director of surgical nursing, moderated the discussion between Sandy Robinson, RN, of Lewiston's St. Mary's Hospital; Mary Bayer, RN, Franklin County Memorial Hospital, Farmington; Cushman Anthony, Portland attorney; Fred Ames, Social Service Department, Augusta General; Judith Hiltz, RN, director of Nursing, Stephens Memorial, Norway, and MMC specialists Dr. Barry Wood (Psychiatry), Dr. Brian Dorsk (Oncology), Dr. Wesley English (Surgery) and Father Philip Cyr, hospital Chaplain.

Another session included a discussion on "What Physicians Would Like to See from Tumor Registries," led by Dr. Robert Dalton of St. Mary's Hospital and Dr. Donna K. Thompson of Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, and the Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough.

The second day of the meeting was highlighted by Dr. Andrew Iverson's discussion of "Prostate and Other Genito-Urinary Cancers."

Child safety tips safe swimming

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, any infant who has learned to crawl should be taught to float, thus reducing the chances of drowning among toddlers in the critical age group of one to three years. Children should not be taught to swim until they are three years old and then only by a qualified instructor. But there are some things parents can do to insure that children who do learn to swim will enjoy a safe dip in the water.

Encourage your children:

- to use the buddy system—no one, especially a child, should ever swim alone.
- to swim only in supervised areas and never among anchored boats or in motorboat lanes;
- never to swim during storms or lightning;
- never to use floating devices and toys as life preservers—they may deflate or act as buoys to carry them further from shore;
- to remain calm, rest, tread water, or float face up until help arrives, should they swim or drift too far from shore;

Lamaze group seeks new instructors

The Portland Childbirth Education Association, a non-profit organization which sponsors Lamaze classes for expectant parents, will be hiring new teachers in August.

Teachers must be registered nurses with OB training or who have had a Lamaze delivery.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Gail Cinelli, RN, 211 Middle Road, Falmouth, Maine, 04105.



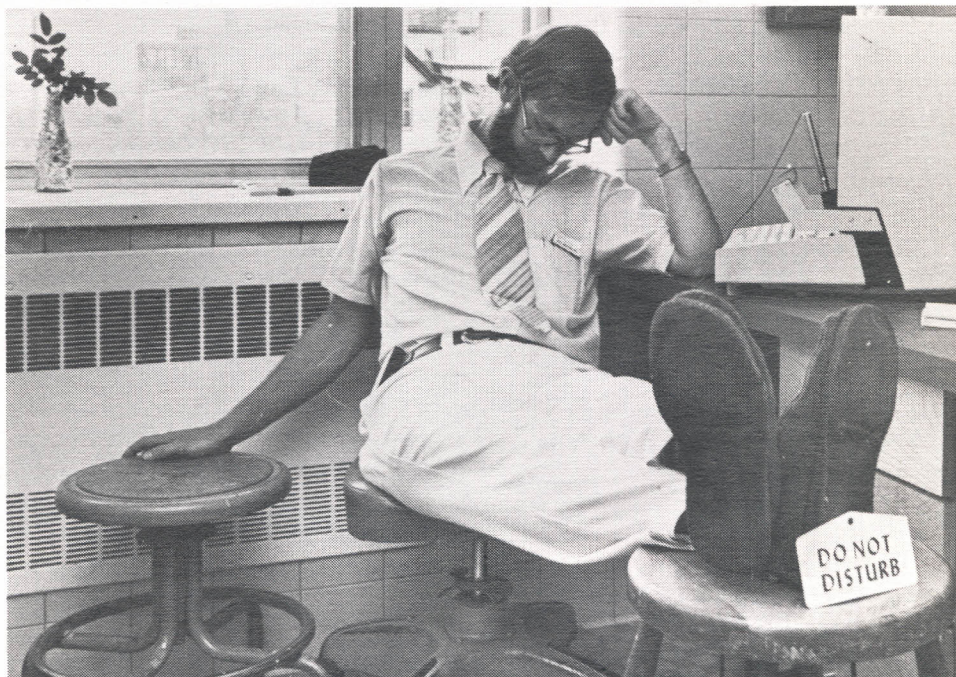
THE GAS SHORTAGE EMPLOYEE CAR POOLS MAY BE THE ANSWER

MMC employees joined people everywhere last week in worrying about the availability of gasoline and about problems that may arise in getting to work and home again.

These and other energy problems were discussed on several levels at MMC, along with methods by which the hospital could help arrange car pools. Tentative plans were being made at press time for the Public Relations department to act as an information clearing house to join people who'd like rides with people who'd like to provide them.

Details are still being worked out, but it appears the department will attempt to match car poolers by geographic areas and by working times. They'll make names available, if people want help, but will depend on the individuals to make the actual arrangements.

WHAT'S HAPPENING will have more on this in the next issue, but we'd be missing a bet if we didn't mention the old reliable local bus system, METRO, whose vehicles serve MMC on a regular schedule. They arrive at the Bramhall entrance at five minutes after the hour, 25 minutes after the hour and 45 minutes after the hour beginning at 6:45 a.m., and ending at 5:45 p.m. They offer transfer opportunities from downtown Portland to Westbrook, South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and other suburbs and nearby communities.



NIGHTY NIGHT. Paul Meadows, M.D., resident in Internal Medicine is resting his weary eyes after a long day's work at MMC. (A/V Photo)

Here's Jim's honor night 'Ballad of MMC'

A highlight of Honor Night, earlier this month, was Jim Fraser's ballad about the origins and growth of Maine Medical Center. Jim wrote it with the collaboration of a friend who prefers to remain anonymous, and we've been asked to print it:

In eight-teen hundred sixty four,
Portland city burned
But the post-war people were on their feet,
to build up from the ground
And grow, grow, grow

Now some folks lived in the old Almhouse,
in the western end of town
But Foster told the M.M.A.,
that the hovel must come down
And grow, grow, grow

One-hundred fifty-six inmates,
survived on plentiful food
But Page and Tewksbury said the public
health,
needed something new
To grow, grow, grow

John Taylor Gilman was a learned man,
and he took his task in hand
To see about a general hospital,
to serve the good Maine land
And grow, grow, grow

With a charter in eight-teen sixty eight,
and a deed to the Arsenal
The seven acres on the wide open hill,
would soon be a hospital
to grow, grow, grow

And the money was raised, despite delays,
from the state and the people too
And it took four years of timber and
bricks,
back around seventy-two
to grow, grow, grow

The doors opened up in seventy-four,
Doctor Hunt had a guidin' hand
The inventions of the day soon arrived,
and better care was planned
to grow, grow, grow

The times brought a building to the hill,
in nineteen twenty-nine
There would be five more added here,
as the hands of time flew by
to grow, grow, grow

In fifty-one they joined their hands,
and the M.M.C. was formed
Services housed beneath one roof,
right where they belonged
To grow, grow, grow

We've all known accomplishments
since that time,
and the faces remain today
People worked hard to fulfill those
goals,
and help the sick see a brighter day,
and grow, grow, grow

Now some folks think we've grown
too much,
They say that we've lost sight,
Of the reasons and things that these
halls stand for
And I fear they may be right;

But I remember a history of a hundred
years
Apply yourselves, and belay my fears,
You're here to care for the sick and
erase their tears,
So they can grow, grow, grow
Grow, grow, grow

Eight to receive scholarship aid

Eight MMC employees were recently awarded scholarships to further their education in the health field. The recipients are Normand Begin, Blood Bank; Rhonda Bridges, OR; Marie Mercier, NA, P3A; Claire O'Donnell, LPN, R1; Kathleen Ryan, NA, P2CD; Susan Sullivan, RN, NBN; Diane Vasile, LPN, SCU, and Linda Jaynes, NA, R7.

The scholarships, allocated by the Nursing Department Scholarship Committee, organized in October, 1976, provided financial assistance to Nursing Department employees who wish to better their education in a health oriented field. The committee has awarded scholarships of \$10,630 and \$850 in loan funds to 32 MMC employees.

Since January, 1977, the committee was chaired by Elizabeth A. Hargitt. Upon her resignation, Lois Bazinet, RN, assumed the chairmanship.

about people

JUDITH BOHRMANN, RN, has been appointed head nurse of the Community Mental Health Center. Judith received her B.S.N. from Skidmore College School of Nursing. She has been a member of the P6 staff for just short of ten years, and has served as assistant head nurse for the past year. Judith is replacing Joan Whalen, RN.

TURNER BLEDSOE, M.D., Vice President for Health Affairs, has been elected a new Trustee of the Waynflete School, and PETER C. BARNARD, Director of Development, has been re-elected to a second term as Trustee.

marketplace

WANTED: One enthusiastic male crewman 21-35 years old. 7/30/79 - 8/5/79, Casco Bay and points Northeast. Call 797-6670 5-6 p.m. weekdays.

FOR SALE: 4 bdrm. garrison with 1½ baths, front to back living room with raised hearth for wood stove. Forced hot water oil heat. Sunset Heights area of Portland. Call 772-3966.

FOR SALE: 1972 16-foot Caravelle tri-hull boat, 100 hp Evinrude, trailer, ex. cond. \$2500. Call 797-6224.

FOR SALE: White wedding gown, veil and train, size 13/14, \$75. Call 799-6188 or see Barbara Theriault in the kitchen.

FOR RENT: 1 bdrm. apt. in older home, quiet neighborhood w/off street parking; modern bath & kitchen. \$200/mo. plus elec. Sec. dep. Ideal for single. Call 772-2282.

FOR RENT: Summer cottage - Thomas Pond Terrace, Raymond, week of 7/1 - 7/8, \$200 or best offer. Call 773-5275 after 5.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Nurse looking for roommate to share apt. or house. Female, mid-twenties preferred. Contact Karen on R3 or call 774-3596.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Female roommate July 1, 2nd floor West St., on Western Prom near MMC, own room, \$97/mo. inc. heat. Call 775-1124 after 5:30 pm.

WANTED: Small car that's dependable, safe, and hopefully inexpensive commuting transportation for a daughter this fall. Call Dr. Meeker.

WANTED: Dog house for a Great Dane. Call 282-6773 eves.

WANTED: 4th roommate for an 8 room Eastern Prom. apt. \$100/mo. Call 774-4159 after 5.

WANTED: Rider/driver, Saco/Biddeford area, working 8 am to 4:30 pm. Call 284-7293 eves.

WANTED: Ride to MMC from Custom House Wharf Mon.-Fri., 7 am. Call 766-3307.

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