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WOMEN'S BOARD OF MAINE GENERAL PRESENTS \$100,000 GIFT TO MMC

A Centennial gift of \$100,000 was presented to Maine Medical Center Wednesday by its oldest volunteer organization, the Women's Board of Maine General Hospital.

14 Residents Stay in Maine

At least 14 of the 28 physicians completing MMC residencies in June will practice their specialties in Maine.

Besides the 14 remaining here, six will undergo sub-specialty training in other teaching hospitals; two will take Public Health Service positions to fulfill military service obligations; three will establish practices out-of-state and three remain undecided about where they will locate.

The decision by the 14 to remain in the state again demonstrates what has become an MMC tradition—that half of each graduating class remains to practice or accept hospital staff positions in Maine. This, said Dr. Albert Aranson, MMC director of medical education, has been going on throughout the century-long record of Maine General and Maine Medical Center as teaching hospitals.

Five of the young doctors constitute the entire graduating class of

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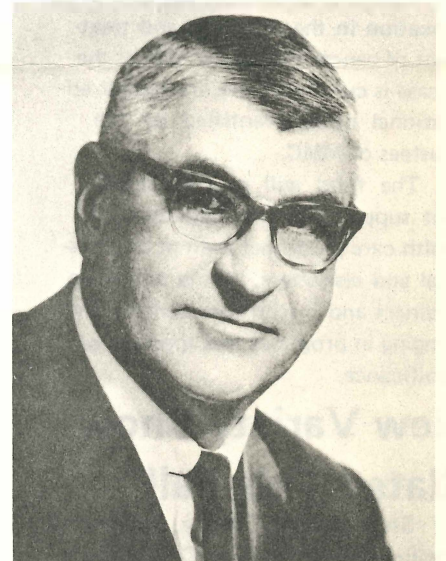
The latest gift brings the total provided by the Women's Board in its 100 years of hospital service to well over a half million dollars.

The money, latest in a long series of gifts to the Portland hospital, will be used to consolidate and improve storage of x-ray plates by changing to a system of microfilming, and to purchase a number of microfilm reader units that will be placed at key locations in the hospital. Among other advantages, the new system is expected to provide significant economies in space, time and personnel.

A check for the \$100,000, \$1,000 for each year of the Women's Board's history, was presented to MMC's president, Dr. Edward C. Andrews, Jr., by the treasurer of the Women's Board, Mrs. Paul H. Hanly. Dr. Andrews voiced the hospital's appreciation and expressed his hope that the Women's Board would be as effective in its second century as it was in its first.

The presentation was a highlight of a Centennial luncheon at Portland

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DR. WALKER

BOWDOIN COLLEGE HONORS DR. WALKER

Dr. Douglass W. Walker, MMC vice president for Medical Affairs, was one of seven distinguished Americans who received honorary degrees at the 172nd Commencement of Bowdoin College Saturday.

Dr. Roger Howell, Bowdoin president, presented the Doctor of Science degree. "Bowdoin," he said, "has long had a proud medical tradition, and Dr. Walker has, through his many services to community and profession, done much to preserve and, indeed, enhance that tradition. Truly devoted to serving the common good, he has made a reality of the aspirations that inspire liberal learning."

A native of Thomaston and Bowdoin alumnus, Class of 1925, Dr. Walker has been medical director and vice president, Medical Affairs, at Maine Medical Center since 1970. He has announced that he will retire at the close of 1977.

Doctors Study Health Costs

Maine Medical Center physicians have formed a committee that will recommend measures to cut some of the costs of patient care.

This committee has been asked to study "what doctors may do that contributes to higher health costs" and to suggest changes that will reduce charges to patients and insurers.

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CENTENNIAL GIFT—MMC President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., accepts the gift of \$100,000 given by the institution's oldest volunteer organization, the Women's Board of Maine General Hospital, in recognition of the group's 100 years of hospital service. Making the presentation is Women's Board Treasurer Mrs. Paul H. Hanly. (A/V Photo)

Donor Establishes Education Fund

By her recent generous gift of \$10,000, Mrs. F. Turner Brown of Kennebunk has established the F. Turner Brown and Anne K. Brown Education Fund at the Maine Medical Center for the purpose of training MMC physicians, nurses and other health care personnel.

The principal of the fund is to be invested and the income only is to be expended. Preference for the use of the income is to be for programs of education in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer until such time as the disease is cured or there are greater educational needs identified by the Trustees of MMC.

The fund will provide significant support for the education of health care personnel both at the Hospital and elsewhere, taking people to seminars and institutions outside and bringing in programs and speakers of significance.

New Variety Show Slated This Fall

Steve Saucier, Dietary, director of the Employees Activity Committee's "May-Day Madness" talent show, announced last week that a completely new show is being planned for next Fall. The group's first presentation played before a standing-room-only audience May 5.

Dozens of requests were received by the committee to do it again in June, but scheduling conflicts made this impossible.

"We're planning a bigger and better show," said Director Saucier, "and we're aiming for a date in early Fall."

Old CC Measure To Die June 6

MMC moves to Phase II on schedule in its adoption of the international system of weights and measures (SI) commonly known as metric. On Monday, June 6, MMC will officially bid goodbye to the now obsolete unit for capacity, the "c.c." From that date on, reference to liquids will normally be expressed in either litres (L) or millilitres (mL).

This will be an easy change as many services at MMC already use litres and millilitres. For those changing at this time, the transition will require only a unit name change as the quantity will be the same. For example, to change from 250 c.c. to millilitres just drop the "c.c." and use mL (250 c.c. = 250 mL).

The correct SI unit for liquids is the litre with the symbol (L). The most common prefix used with the litre is milli (m) —one thousandths. Thus, a millilitre (mL) is one thousandths of a litre. (1000 mL = 1 L)



BRIGHT AND SHINY — Central Services department employees recently moved back to completely renovated quarters. Installation of a specialized ventilating system, storage cabinets, stainless steel sorting tables, new lights, ceiling and floor tiles and a bright coat of pale yellow paint have resulted in more efficient and pleasant working conditions. Preparing linen packs for the Operating Room are, from left, Mary Nielsen, former department employee Romaine Franceour, Barbara D'Alfonso, Kathy Burke and Carrie Emery. (A/V Photo)

ABOUT PEOPLE

Don Neilson, Pharmacy, won the 10-speed bicycle that was raffled off as part of the May 15 bike-a-thon that benefits Maine's diabetics.

Charles Mastrangelo, Housekeeping, has become a psychiatric aide on P6.

Suzanne Foster, Dental Clinic, has transferred to Patient Accounts.

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MMC's Family Practice Residency program. Donald W. Abbott, MD, will establish a family practice in Yarmouth; Francis A. Bellino, MD, a family practice in Steep Falls; Thomas R. Maycock, a family practice in Belfast; Robert R. Sholl, MD, a family practice in Biddeford; and Paul F. Bonjour, MD, will be associated with the Primary Medical Care Center in Portland.

Patricia I. Bromberger, MD, will become a member of the Neonatal Intensive Care Center staff, MMC; Ronald R. Campbell, MD, and Richard E. Fortier, MD, will practice psychiatry in Lewiston; Bruce P. Chandler, MD, will establish a psychiatric practice in Lubec; George L. Higgins, III, MD, will practice internal medicine in Scarborough; Donna L. Kievit, MD, will be a medical oncologist at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston; and will maintain her research activities at MMC; Joan E. Larkin, MD, and Michael J. Cwynar, MD, will practice psychiatry in Portland; and Irvin L. Paradis, MD, will practice pulmonary medicine in Waterville.

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Chairman of the MMC Medical Costs Study Committee is Dr. E. Charles Kunkle, director of the division of Neurology. Members are Dr. Emerson H. Drake, thoracic surgeon and former MMC Chief of Surgery; Dr. George W. Hallett, chief of Pediatrics; Dr. Joseph F. Stocks, chief of Pathology; Dr. Edmund W. Hardy, Falmouth internist; and Dr. John F. Gibbons, chief of Radiology.

The committee was appointed by Dr. Laban W. Leiter, president of the Medical Staff with approval by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Kunkle said his group will concern itself mainly with situations that are within the physician's control, "things the doctor can do himself" to help solve the health cost problem.

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Country Club attended by members of the Women's Board and their guests. It opened at noon with a reception, and included a welcome by Mrs. Edgar A. Spencer, Women's Board president, the greeting of the Medical Center Board of Trustees by James L. Moody, Jr., vice chairman of the Board.

The speaker, Miss Bernice J. Poutas, director of Development, Simmons College, and chairman-elect, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, was introduced by Peter C. Barnard, MMC Director of Development.

Miss Poutas, whose talk dealt with volunteerism, its gains and its importance, also congratulated the Women's Board for its money-raising activity, dedication and generosity to the institution. She noted that its first gift, 100 years ago, was a dozen rocking chairs "for the comfort of the patients."