



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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A LONG WAY TO GO

There were some bright spots in the United Way picture last week as Chairperson Elsie Mead and her assistants worked toward the elusive goal of 100 percent participation by members of the MMC family. Reports were coming in slowly, and some of them were encouraging. Housekeeping, for example, reported that 82 of its people had pledged \$1,246. That's \$15.20 each, if our abacus is working. Then, later in the week, came the report that 27 Dietary workers each had pledged a total equivalent to an hour's pay for each of the next 12 months. Mrs. Mead is hoping similar interest and support will be forthcoming from other departments as the campaign continues.

A SNEAK PREVIEW

The slide presentation put together by the P/R and A/V departments during the past few months is being sneak-previewed these days in an effort to work out production bugs and test reactions. The presentation, entitled "Commitment to Caring," was financed by the Friends of Maine Medical Center, and will be a feature of their Fall meeting, Wednesday morning, Oct. 22. Members of the Housekeeping department are invited to see the production in Classroom #2 at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, and if you think there's a connection between this item and the previous one, you're entirely correct.

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Peter Rand, director of the Research department, and Mrs. Eleanor Lacombe, research assistant, were in San Francisco last week attending the American Physiological Society's Fall meeting, where Dr. Rand delivered a poster presentation based on recently-completed research projects involving the effect of steroids on the red cell. An abstract was published recently in THE PHYSIOLOGIST, the society's publication.

FOR CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS

The first public service award in its history was presented by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce last week to the Maine Medical Center for "continuing contributions to the quality of life in Maine." MMC Board Chairman Hugh C. Saunders accepted the award at the MSCC annual meeting in Augusta Wednesday. Now on display in the admitting lobby, the inscription reads: "presented in grateful recognition of the hospital's many unique patient-care achievements, for its effective leadership in the recruitment and education of physicians for Maine, and for the dedication of its staff and personnel to the human problems of its community, state and region."

TYPICAL COLLECTION

Richard Dyer of Waterville, assistant to the President at Colby College, recently gave 75 volumes to the MMC Health Sciences Library. This is the medical library of Ellery M. Wing, M.D., who practiced medicine in North Anson, Me., from 1831 until his death in 1915. The books then went to his son, William Wing, long well-known in this area as the principal of Deering High School. Mr. Wing gave them to Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Dyer has given them to us, where they will be preserved as a typical collection of medical books used by a turn-of-the-century physician in rural Maine.

A SECOND PAYCHECK

Few of us ever stop to figure it out, but the so-called "fringe package" from which we benefit as MMC full-timers is an additional annual paycheck worth well over \$1,000. This is the cost of the hospitalization, insurance and other benefits furnished by the institution at no cost to us. The present fringe package, which has improved dramatically in the past few years, cost the institution more than \$2,620,000 last year. (This item is the first in a series of "Fringe Facts" we've asked Frank Barclay, assistant personnel director, to develop on a weekly basis for What's Happening.)

THE RAMP IS SEALED

Security Chief Sam Cummings reported Friday that the sealing job in the ramp has been completed, and that he's asking employees who've been parking in Bramhall to return to their old parking spots in the ramp. The sealing job was to waterproof the concrete.