

WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

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A CHAT WITH THE DIRECTOR

If you missed the two sessions scheduled Friday, there's still a chance today to attend the informal discussions with Executive Director Philip K. Reiman and Personnel Director Charles E. Huff. Scheduled for discussion are topics of great personal interest to all employees, and there'll be ample opportunity for answers to any and all questions. Today's meetings are scheduled in the NDF Classrooms at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR HONOR NIGHT

The MMC Chorus is tuning up again, this time for the Honor Night program, May 13, and Miss Catherine O'Connor, director, has extended an invitation to all employees who enjoy singing to join the group for a series of rehearsals and the event itself. It's an amateur group that sings for the fun of it, and if you'd like to be part of the effort, you're invited, says Miss O'Connor. The first rehearsal is slated for 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in Irish classroom No. 2.

THE BOSTON SESSIONS

This is the week of the New England Hospital Assembly, with its general sessions, huge exhibition and the meetings of dozens of allied groups. The event, as usual, will be held in Boston's Sheraton, with activities centered in and around the Hynes' Auditorium in the Prudential Center. The huge hall will be filled with hospital people, and with hospital equipment and supply exhibits, as well as award-winning projects entered by large and small institutions from throughout the six-state area. For the past three years, MMC has been a winning exhibitor in the NEHA Blue-Ribbon competition. This year we're resting on our laurels.

CREDIT UNION CHECKS

Ed DeLorme, manager of the Medical Services Federal Credit Union, tells us that several inquiries have been received recently as to whether or not share account checks could be picked up at the credit union office during the lunch hour. Ed assures us that his staff makes "every effort to provide prompt, efficient service for members at all times, but," he added, "members can help, too, by notifying the CU office an hour or so in advance when a share account check is needed. A quick phone call to 2449 will guarantee that your check will be ready when you need it." Representative of the service given members during the past five years: loans granted to credit union members amounted to \$7,794,855; membership increased from 1,113 to 2,524; and total assets to date have reached \$1,589,217.38.

EAC EVENTS

A busload of MMC people made the trip to Boston this past Saturday on the EAC-sponsored do-your-own-thing jaunt. Next event will be a dance with live music--the Burton Beats--at St. Pius X Hall, 492 Ocean Ave., Portland, Sat., May 17, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Because of EAC backing, ticket price will be a low \$2.50 per person. Tickets go on sale this week from EAC members or call Natalie Roberts at 2271. Two baseball trips are being lined up for May and June. Negotiations are underway to get tickets for either the Red Sox/ Kansas City game or May 18 or Red Sox/California, May 25, with another trip June 29 for the Red Sox/New York Yankees . Combination tickets--round-trip on the bus and box-seat at the game--will be available for \$11.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

Many individuals and groups from the Greater Portland area give regularly of their time, talents and money to help MMC provide the best patient care under the most pleasant circumstances possible. During the past week, two of these much-appreciated gifts were received. A color television set was provided the Richards 4 day room by the Military Order of the Cootie for enjoyment by the unit's long-term patients. A gift of talent from Friends of MMC member Mrs. Mary Lou Thayer, who has painted colorful, entertaining storybook scenes on several window shades which have been wall-mounted in the Emergency Division's examining cubicles. When a child is being treated in the EmD, one of these bright, cheerful scenes can be easily rolled down, helping to make the young patient's EmD experience a little more pleasant. These expressions of community interest and concern lend much support to MMC's programs.