



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE

That phrase describes the situation in the Computer facility on R8, where crews have been working around the clock to complete installation of the big new IBM computer, tape consoles and other components of MIS Central. Although a few odds and ends remain, the work is virtually done. In fact, portions of the equipment that will be devoted to the business office applications of MIS were actually put to work last week. Although several video matrix terminals and printers have been working at MMC for a month or more, they've been fed by the computer in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, N.J., via telephone circuits. Last week's start-up of the Business Office computer equipment was all our own thing...for the first time. Incidentally, an issue of MIS, including many questions and answers, will be out next week.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Caspar W. Weinberger, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has announced the appointment of Alan M. Elkins, M.D., director of the Community Mental Health Center and Chief of Psychiatry at MMC, to the National Mental Health Advisory Council of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Dr. Elkins will be one of six nationally-known physicians and scientists with mental health orientation who are members of the Council. The six others are leaders in the sciences and public affairs. This is Dr. Elkins' second national appointment. He was named to the National Advisory Health Council of HEW in 1974.

THE NEW HOUSE STAFF

A total of 17 first-year post graduates (they're not interns any more) will arrive this week, and a full day of orientation is scheduled Thursday. They'll be welcomed by Douglass W. Walker, M.D., medical director, and George F. Sager, M.D., president of the Medical Staff. Other chiefs, directors of divisions and heads of departments will participate in the briefing, and there'll be a tour of the hospital in the afternoon. A reception for the new house officers and their wives is scheduled at Thomas House in the evening.

NAMED TO OFFICE

Ann B. Matthews, F.A.S.R.T., educational coordinator of MMC's School of Radiologic Technology, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. She will be installed at the July convention in San Francisco. Mrs. Matthews has served for the past two years as director of the national society's Region 10.

William Gousse, assistant director of Pharmacy Services, has been re-elected for a two-year term as secretary of the Maine Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Frank Barclay, assistant director of Personnel, was named permanent secretary of the Maine Council of Baseball Officials.

And Marjorie Harris, P/R Assistant, has been named secretary of the recently-formed Maine Public Relations Council.

ROCKPORT SESSIONS

MMC was well represented at the sessions of the Maine Medical Association in Rockport last week, and two of our medical staff members were specially recognized...Dr. John F. Gibbons, chief of Radiology, for his work in establishing MMC's Southern Maine Radiation Therapy Institute, and Dr. Elton R. Blaisdell for achieving a membership mark of 60 years.

In full swing today at the Treadway-Samoset, Rockport, are the sessions of the Maine Hospital Association's 29th annual meeting.

WHERE WE ARE

Donald W. Bail, administrative engineer, has announced new designations for wings of the Maine General Building as follows: The Rosenberger residence, location of Personnel and Public Relations, is designated "General Building Annex A." The area occupied by Accounting, Research and Tumor Registry is "Annex B," and the old Laboratory area, "Annex C." These designations will be incorporated into fire notification procedures.