



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SAVINGS

Many departments have come up with methods by which small, but important, economies may be made. One such, last week, was a decision to eliminate those personalized printed memo pads which proliferated two or three years ago, and which until last week, were a major production item in the Print Shop. When present stocks are gone, the printed, personalized memo will have disappeared from the MMC scene...unless you know a printer who'll produce them gratis. Administration wants more suggestions, and is still considering a contest for the best. Controller Mike Kilmartin recalled one such economy contest in an industrial plant where \$25 was offered for the best suggestion. An employee won by suggesting that the \$25 first prize be cut to \$15.

UPWARD MOBILITY IN THE O.R.

Dr. Richard C. Britton, chief of Surgery, and Catherine Blanchard, R.N., O.R. Supervisor, have announced several appointments in the O.R. Nursing staff. Catherine Sumpter, R.N., has been made administrative assistant, and others are as follows:

Priscilla Bragdon, R.N., and Estella B. Esposito, R.N., clinical assistants; Kenna L. Small, R.N., head nurse, OB-GYN; M. Patricia Brown, R.N., head nurse, orthopedics; Margarite Conley, R.N., head nurse, urology; Mignonne Lamb, R.N., head nurse, ENT and Plastic; Claire Brown, R.N., head nurse, Eye; Joanne Smith, R.N., head nurse, neurology; and Barbara Ellsworth, R.N., head nurse, thoracic.

THE ADDRESS FORMS

All departments have received supplies of forms for each employee to fill out, providing his or her present address. The idea is to put together a current mailing list to be used for a number of purposes, and to keep it up to date with monthly changes. The forms are to be turned in to department heads, who will pass them along to the Personnel department. Success of this effort depends on the cooperation of each department and each employee, and we hope we can count on everybody. A completion date of Jan. 15 has been set.

GRANT FOR PULMONARY MED

A \$10,000 grant from the American Lung Association has been awarded to the MMC Division of Pulmonary Medicine for studies dealing with prevention and control of lung disease. The grant is renewable for three years. The funds will establish a clinical pulmonary fellowship at MMC, and candidates from the MMC House Staff will have first preference. Responsible for the teaching program will be Drs. Edgar Caldwell and Paul Cox of the Pulmonary Medicine Division; Dr. Albert Aranson, chief of Medicine and director of Medical Education, and Dr. George Lord, attending staff.

George Nilson, executive director of the Maine Lung Association, said "The winning of this American Lung Association pulmonary fellowship award by the Maine Medical Center is evidence of the growing excellence of the total medical teaching program at MMC and of its pulmonary division in particular."

TWO AREAS RENOVATED

Repeating last year's Holiday season efforts on R2, MMC painters, carpenters, electricians and housekeepers swarmed through R3 in the past ten days, fixing, cleaning and painting the entire area, while other workmen did a similar job in the dialysis unit on R5. The R3 rooms and the dialysis unit will re-open this week. R3 patients were absorbed in other hospital areas during the projects and dialysis patients were cared for at Holt Hall.

SKI TRIP SELLING

About 15 reservations were on the books at press-time for the Feb. 8-9 MMC Ski Weekend at Evergreen Valley. This is the big winter event sponsored by the Employees Activity Committee, which offers a two-day, one-night package at \$35 per. For this, each person will have two day lift tickets, an apres-ski wine and fondue party, a Saturday evening smorgasbord, a room (double occupancy) Sunday breakfast, use of the pool and sauna. Children may go, and stay on a cot in parents' rooms for \$4, but meals and lifts will be extra. There'll be a bus, at \$4 per person, round trip, from MMC Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and from Evergreen Valley at 5 p.m. Sunday. Louise Gibson, Personnel, is handling reservations, which are limited to 80 on a first-come, first-served basis.