



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## COMMITMENT TO CARING

The new MMC multi-media presentation of the same name will be shown almost continuously Monday in the NDF lecture rooms beginning at 1 p.m. All employees are invited. The slide-sound presentation was produced recently by the Public Relations department and the Department of Audio Visual Resources under a grant from the FRIENDS of Maine Medical Center.

After Monday's showings for employees, the slides will be used for presentations before church, school and civic groups on request.

## DAY RATE REVISION

Effective Thursday, first day of 1976, will be revisions in the daily patient room rates, first since October, 1974. The new rates, which President Andrews told the media are required by demands of patient care and inflation, will change MMC's semi-private rooms from \$75.50 to \$81 and private rooms from \$87.50 to \$93.

The new rates are higher than Mercy's, but lower than Osteo's, Eastern Maine's, and those in effect in Boston and other major New England cities.

Dr. Andrews said additional revenue will allow an increase in nursing personnel and the first adjustment of wages for salaried personnel in more than a year. He said this adjustment will be comparable to raises granted hourly-paid personnel in October, 1975.

## MMC COUPLE SAYS THANKS

It wasn't a particularly great Christmas for Margaret Farr of Nursing and her husband, Dick, Blood Bank, but MMC fellow workers made it far better than it might have been. About a month ago, the family was enroute from Waterville after Thanksgiving. There was an accident, and Dick was hospitalized at MMC. Margaret and the three youngsters were unhurt, but they were worried, and it was just before Christmas. Then came help from fellow workers at MMC...gifts, groceries, cash...and Dick was home again. And on Friday, the day after Christmas, Margaret asked WHAT'S HAPPENING to help them express their gratitude to all who helped.

## SOME NEW FIGURES

This past week's paychecks--ready the day before Christmas, rather than Friday--included some new information. Beside's the usual figures representing gross and net wages, withholding information and other facts, the checks now include a cumulative total of the hours earned for vacations, sick days and holidays. Accounting has asked employees to notify department heads if they feel their totals are in error.

## THOSE WHITE BAGS

Housekeeping has placed white bags near every computer printer, and will pick them up daily. They're for disposing of computer paper which may contain information of a private nature. After being picked up, the bags and their contents will be shredded by the maintenance department. Clint Cooper, M.I.S. administrator, says it's important that no one remove any computer paper from MMC, and that all of it is handled by the white bag method.

## HELP FOR TWO FAMILIES

On Tuesday before Christmas, members of the MMC Employee Activity Committee went to a nearby supermarket and spent a total of \$125 for two baskets of groceries. This included everything needed for an old-fashioned Christmas turkey dinner for the families of two MMC employees in unfortunate circumstances. The families, with a total of 13 persons, expressed their gratitude to the members and to the individual MMC employees who support this and other projects of the Employees' Activity Committee.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1976 TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MMC FAMILY

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