



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## 'TIS THE SEASON

About 45 young people from the Cape Elizabeth Middle School opened the carol-singing season at MMC last week, touring the hospital and presenting their yarn-craft "God's Eyes" to many patients. They were followed by a group of McDonald's employees from Westbrook. Saturday, on the weekend, the Westbrook Catholic Youth Organization singers were here, and a Portland student group is scheduled this afternoon.

## 'COMMITMENT' SCHEDULED

MMC employees are invited to attend a showing next Monday, Dec. 29, of "Commitment to Caring," the new multi-media presentation sponsored by the Friends of MMC and designed for use before community groups. The presentation will run on the hour and half-hour beginning at 1 p.m., Monday afternoon, in the NDF classrooms. It's about 15 minutes long, and well worth the effort required to see it a week from today.

After the employee showings, "Commitment to Caring" will be booked for meetings of civic, school and church groups throughout the Greater Portland area.

## UP THE LADDER

Dr. Dale S. Howard of Somersworth, N.H., has been named clinical director and Mrs. Jadine O'Brien, former dental health coordinator, has been named executive director of the Center for Community Dental Health at MMC.

Executive Housekeeper Marian Bates has announced the appointment of Mrs. Patricia O'Brien, a long-time member of the department, as assistant housekeeper.

And Dr. Alan M. Elkins, chief of Psychiatry, has announced the appointment of J. William Jackson as assistant director of Community Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry.

## CANCELLED FOR CHRISTMAS

The diabetic teaching classes conducted by Mrs. Georgette Carpenter, R.N., have been suspended this week, and will resume Dec. 29.

## ABOUT MMC TOURS

Student tours of the hospital are being requested more and more frequently these days, and we feel it's because more young people are becoming interested in health care careers, and because they feel MMC is "where it's happening." The requests have increased so rapidly that we've had to develop some restrictions that we feel make the programs more worthwhile from the point of view of the hospital and the students. At the present time, only high school students with a demonstrated interest in health careers can be scheduled. There have been no problems so far, and teachers and guidance directors are cooperating.

## PROJECT PRIVATE LINE

Since early in November, more than 135 MMC employees have left suggestions, comments and complaints on the PRIVATE LINE tape recorder, and many of these have received written replies from Administration. Response to others has taken the form of action to correct inequities, to change procedures and to improve situations of various kinds. Several individuals who had problems received quick personal attention, and the problems were solved. Some are easy, some are less so, and some will take time, but the PRIVATE LINE calls are being heard and are resulting in positive action and change where change is indicated.

## BECAUSE IT'S THE SEASON

We had a Christmas-card greeting drawn for this issue, but after including all the things we felt should be passed along this week, there wasn't room for it. So we'll just express our sincere best wishes of the Christmas season to all readers of WHAT'S HAPPENING, together with our gratitude for your continued interest and support.

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## EAC NEWS

A group of 61 MMC employees took advantage of the low-cost Employees' Activity Committee excursion trip to Boston on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Many inquiries have already been received about an Ice Follies trip in February. The committee is pleased to let you know that a trip is now being planned to Boston Garden for the Ice Follies on Saturday, Feb. 14. The group will leave MMC's Bramhall entrance at 8:30 a.m. and attend the matinee performance. More details on the trip will be published soon; however, if you want to get your name on the list early, call Ethel LeFebre, Physicians' Billing, 2419.

## EVERYONE BENEFITS

Proceeds from recent MMC Employees' Activity Committee projects have provided the softball team's League entrance fee; shrubs and partial restoration costs for preserving the Maine General Hospital keystone; seven 5-lb canned hams as additional door prizes at the hospital's Christmas Party and supplies for the Camera Club. The Committee will also establish a permanent trophy for MMC bowling teams and will present generous food baskets to two needy MMC families during this holiday season.

## HERE AND THERE

Six arrivals in the newborn nursery this past week have mothers who work at MMC. The boys outnumbered the girls, four-to-two, with boys born to Martha MacDougal, OPD; Christine Tanguay, Dietary; Lorraine Brennan, R.N., and Fern DiPietro, R.N., Nursing. Doreen Fecteau, Radiology; and Lynn Breiding, Nursing; were happy with little girls.

Diane Martin, former CSD employee, has joined the Security department and has become MMC's first female security guard.

Holiday greetings from friends at MMC would certainly be appreciated by Louise Gibson, Personnel, who is spending two months at the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Hospital, 123 Nashua St., Boston.

If you visit Santa's Workshop on the Skillings Rd., Cumberland, be sure to look for the owner, Elaine Green, who worked in Radiology before opening her gift shop. Her mother is Cathaleen Hodgkins, OPD.

Diamonds and wedding bands are appearing right and left in the Medical Records department. Recent new brides are Theresa Noble Melenson and Mary Jean O'Reagan Libby. The new engagements include Carol Godin, Lynn Betters, Mary Berry, Debbie O'Neill, Karen LeTarte and Nancy Bonney, who will be married on Dec. 27.

## WANTED, SALE OR RENT

WANTED: Female roommate to share 5-room two-bedroom apartment in Portland. Call 774-7754 after 6 p.m.

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment 150' from MMC. Two rooms, bath and kitchenette. \$130-160 incl. heat, lights and parking. Call 774-0267.

FOR SALE: B & I 6" gem maker, model 1400, faceter, no motor; 3 x 9' gold runner with pad; Sears humidifier, 10 gal. cap. & pads; 2 reflex cameras in need of repair; 54" draperies, 5 pr. white lined fiberglass, 2 pr. pink; and maple sofa. Call Mrs. Rose Thompson, Library, at 781-4427 evenings.

NEEDED: Roommate for 25-year old male with luxury apartment. \$120/month to share, incl. parking and heat. Call Charles Houghton, Pulmonary Medicine, at 773-0953 evenings.

FOR SALE: 1 pr. K2 Four Competition skis, 207 cm. Nevada-Look binding, used two seasons, excellent condition. 1 pr. Lange Banshee Ski boots, size 10½, excellent condition; 1 pr. 54" Bearcrafter ski poles, fair condition. Contact Paul Thibodeau, Social Service, at 772-1701 evenings.

NEEDED: Need ride from Pine St., So. Portland for 7:30-4 p.m. shift. Contact Nancy in Medical Records.

FOR SALE: Samoya puppies. Please call Mary Sue Calvetti at 797-5068.

FOR SALE: Books: fiction, non-fiction, science-fiction. Many in excellent condition. Most hardcovers, 50¢, paperbacks, 25¢. See Jeanne-Marie Bell, Medical Records, or call 773-7432.

MMC Employees' Activity Committee  
wishes you all  
A Very Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year