



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

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TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY

Security Chief Sam Cummings has been authorized by the Administration to enlarge his Security force by three men. The move is in direct response to the incident last Sunday in which an employee was injured, and is designed to prevent danger to any employee, patient or visitor. In another move to guarantee the safety of evening and night employees, Chief Cummings has renewed his department's offer to provide uniformed escort for any employee leaving the complex between regular shift changes. If you want this service, call 2124.

The parking ramp winter schedule went into effect last week with the early arrival of the snow season. The ramp's Gilman Street entrance is now open from 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. next morning, making it unnecessary for employees to negotiate slippery hills as they come to work and leave.

'COMMITMENT TO CARING'

The multi-media presentation entitled "Commitment to Caring" financed by the FRIENDS of MMC and produced by the Public Relations and Audio-Visual departments, will be shown almost continuously in the NDF lecture rooms on Monday, Dec. 29.

Now being duplicated, so the original can be put away safely, the presentation has been enthusiastically received in several previews. All employees are invited to the Dec. 29 showings, and a special date will be arranged later for night workers.

THE MMC ISSUE

November's JOURNAL OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION is devoted to studies and articles by members of the MMC Medical Staff. The issue includes an article on Emergency Medicine by W. P. Carter, Jr., M.D. and Frank H. Lawrence, M.D. of the MMC Emergency Division; a four-year study of laparoscopy and its complications at MMC by Winthrop S. McLaughlin, Jr., general surgery resident; an article entitled "Activated Charcoal: A Forgotten Antidote," co-authored by Dr. Lawrence of MMC and Wallace R. McGrew, M.D. of Burlington, Vt.; and an angiographic study by L. Reed Altemus, M.D., Radiology department, MMC.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you somehow missed Thanksgiving dinner, you can make up for it Dec. 9 at the annual MMC Employees' Christmas Party. There'll be three sittings, at 2, 3:30 and 5 p.m., with all employees invited.

Something new this year...Bob Brouillard, MMC operating room technician, will play a big electronic organ, and there'll be the MMC Chorus and Santa Claus. Bob Pratt of Patient Accounts will be master of ceremonies, and there'll be the finest Christmas dinner you ever et.

THE KIWANIS AUCTION

MMC has been recipient of several grants from the profits of the Portland Kiwanis Radio Auction scheduled this week with more than \$22,000 worth of contributed merchandise. Included are a canoe, an oil burner, a car, a weekend in Quebec, a stereo and many other items on which when sold will return a net of some \$12-14,000 for use in the community by Kiwanis. It's a telephone auction, and will be carried each night, Dec. 1-4, on four of the city's radio stations, in turn. The Kiwanis Auction tabloid will be included with the local papers Monday.

A PINT FOR CHRISTMAS

A 12-hour blood drawing session by the Red Cross is scheduled at MMC Dec. 19 when Co-Chairpeople Elsie Mead and Frank Barclay are hoping MMC donors will break all records. It's lined up from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with an opportunity to sign for times all week in the Admitting Lobby.

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