



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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FPU TO OPEN TUESDAY

Ceremonies opening MMC's Family Practice Unit at Congress and India streets have been scheduled Tuesday afternoon. The cutting of a symbolic ribbon by Mayor William B. Troubh and Hugh C. Saunders, president of the MMC Board of Trustees, will formally open the new unit at 4 p.m. Also participating in the opening program will be Philip K. Reiman, executive director; Douglass W. Walker, M.D., medical director; and Robert M. True, M.D., chief of Family Practice and director of the unit.

Funds for the construction and equipment of the Family Practice Unit have been provided by grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Simmons Foundation, the MMC Area Health Education Center contract, the MMC 1973 Annual Fund and from the Medical Center itself.

A tour of the facility will follow the Tuesday ceremonies. Eastern Peninsula families, as well as family groups from the Casco Bay Islands, have been invited to tour the unit during a special all-day open house Wednesday.

SYMPOSIUM - CORPORATORS

A "Symposium on Health: Community Medicine, Family Practice and Health Education" is scheduled in the NDF lecture rooms, immediately preceding the Fall meeting of the MMC Board of Corporators. Slated for 2 p.m., the symposium will focus on some of the Portland hospital's beyond-the-walls programs, and will include the remarks of J. Michael Taylor, M.D., chief of Community Medicine, and Robert M. True, M.D., chief of Family Practice and director of the new Family Practice Unit.

The Fall meeting of the MMC Corporators is scheduled at 4 p.m., highlighted by the address of Miss Margaret E. Mahoney, vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J., and nationally-known authority on the delivery of health care services.

AN ALL-YEAR ACTIVITY

In the past, Diabetic Detection Week has been just that...an effort to screen as many people as possible in five working days. Now, says Georgette Carpenter, R.N., MMC's diabetes nurse clinician and instructor, it's a year-round project, with Diabetes Detection Clinics scheduled monthly in several areas under sponsorship of the Pine Tree Diabetes Association and the Lions Clubs. Here's the schedule: Biddeford-Saco, Dec. 7; Maine Mall, Jan. 4; Scarborough, Feb. 8; Cumberland, March 1; Gorham, April 5; and Hollis, May 3. Times and locations will be published in the Portland papers.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SEMINAR

The Maine Division of the American Cancer Society joined with the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers to hold a seminar here Thursday aimed at developing "professional skills, sensitivity and responsiveness in working with cancer patients and their families." MMC participants included J. Howard Hannemann, M.D., Brian Dorsk, M.D., Ronald J. Carroll, M.D., Grace Moulton, R.N., E.T., Louise Citrine, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., Walter R. Christie, M.D., and Edward J. McGeachey, D.Sc., A.C.S.W.

NAMED TO N.E. POST

Warren C. Baldwin, M.D., a senior attending Obstetrician-Gynecologist at MMC, was elected last week as the new chairman of the Council of the New England Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. Dr. Baldwin succeeds George W. Mitchell, Jr., M.D., chairman and head of the department of Obs/Gyn at Tufts University School of Medicine.

BRIEF BITS/BUSY PEOPLE

The Red Cross will set up here Dec. 11 in Classroom 1 to receive blood donations. Sign up Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Admitting lobby. A group of about 50 Portland-area guidance counselors will be tour guests Tuesday at MMC. Long-term employees will receive pins at a Thursday morning coffee. Also Thursday, Department Heads will hear a presentation on the proposed medical school for Maine by Dr. Robert Coons. There are a few more seats on that EAC bus to Boston and back Dec. 7. Call Louise Gibson, Personnel. J. Daniel Miller, M.D., pediatrician, spoke at Bowdoin's Senior Center last week on "the role of genetic counseling in the management of the physically and mentally handicapped child." Douglass W. Walker, M.D., medical director, will be the Nov. 29 speaker at the Woodfords Club's dinner meeting.