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

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TO RECEIVE DEGREE

Edward J. McGeachey, administrative director, is among four who will receive honorary degrees from the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham during May 26 commencement exercises. McGeachey, who has been associated with MMC since 1953, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. He was graduated from Holy Cross College and holds a Master of Science degree from Boston University.

26th HONOR NIGHT

Veteran MMC employees were guests Tuesday at the hospital's 26th Monor Night dinner and program. MMC Board of Trustee President Hugh C. Saunders commended the long-service hospital workers "for their willingness to work and to serve others." Congratulations of the Medical Staff were extended by Douglass W. Walker, M.D., medical director; and Executive Director Philip K. Reiman brought the greetings of the hospital's administration. Mrs. Sylvia Martin, R.N., nursing supervisor, responded for the hospital employees and guests enjoyed selections by the 20-member MMC chorus accompanied by Genevieve Main and under the direction of Catherine O'Connor, R.T. The annual affair is planned and directed by Personnel Director Charles E. Huff with assistance from members of his department.

MMC TREASURER REPORTS

Treasurer Jack R. Dyson reported to MMC Corporators that the medical center has improved its financial position during two and a half years spent under the Federal government's economic stabilization controls which expired April 30. Speaking at the group's semi-annual meeting held Wednesday in the New Diagnostic Facility classroom, Dyson said MMC was among only 10 percent of the nation's 7,000 hospitals to improve financially during the four phases of controls. MMC has an operating budget of \$25 million.

POWER SUPPLY CHANGEOVER

Final phases of the power supply changeover conducted by Central Maine Power Company are slated for completion at MMC by Friday. The hospital's emergency generators will be in use while the final-stage work--scheduled for early a.m. hours--is underway. The changeover will increase the hospital's 4,400 volt power supply to 12,000 volts. Any questions relating to power availability during this change should be directed to Hospital Engineering at 2447.

IT'S THE ''IN" PLACE TO GO

A glance at the Pulmonary Medicine division's appointment book proves that it has suddenly become the "in" place for MMC employees to go between 8 and 9 a.m., Monday thru Friday. Four 15-minute appointments have been made available to employees each morning for pulmonary disease screening as part of MMC's Please-Don't-Smoke campaign. Several employees, whose tests showed below normal readings, have already been scheduled for more complete lung studies. Appointments for this week are filled, but you're still urged to take advantage of this free testing. Call 2662 and sign up for the following week.

A CARD FOR LOUISE

Mrs. Louise Gibson, Personnel department worker and active member of the Employees' Activity Committee, will undergo back surgery this week in Boston. Best wishes for a speedy recovery can be mailed to Louise at New England Medical Center Hospitals, 171 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass.

ATTENTION SOFTBALL TEAM

There will be a softball team meeting in Cafeteria Room B on Monday between 4 and 5 p.m. Practice this week is scheduled for Monday, 5:30 p.m., Lyman Moore Junior High Field; and Friday, 5:30 p.m., Deering High Field.

SPECIAL: Candids taken by Medical Photographer Doug MacKenzie at Honor Night will be displayed this week in the Admitting Lobby.