



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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MMC ALUMNUS CITED

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS, last week, brought a lot of people at MMC up to date on the career of Robert L. Conrad, M.D., an intern and surgical resident from 1960 to 1965. The story dealt with Dr. Conrad's work to solve the problem of Block Island, Rhode Island, whose 500 residents were left recently without a doctor. The MMC alumnus, now chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society, flew to the island for an evaluation and later developed a team of physician volunteers to meet the population's medical needs, established a service schedule, set up appointment facilities and arranged transportation, living accommodations and in general provided real solutions to the islanders' problems. A few days ago, the island residents expressed their gratitude, presenting Dr. Conrad with a souvenir poster, autographed by the grateful Block Island patients.

NURSING NOTES

Two assistant head nurse appointments were announced last week by Miss Agnes Flaherty, R.N., director of Nursing Services. Sandra LeTarte, R.N., assumed her new duties in SCU Feb. 25, and Antoinette Allen, R.N., will begin work in a similar post on Richards 1 March 18.

SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM SET

Dr. Richard C. Britton, chief of Surgery, is sending preliminary notices this week for the Fifth Annual Surgical Symposium scheduled Friday, April 5. The program will include several papers, a luncheon seminar, staff presentations and the annual Isaac M. Webber, M.D., Surgical Lecture, this year by Claude E. Welch, M.D., emeritus professor of surgery, Harvard Medical School.

EXERCISES SCHEDULED

Graduation exercises for members of the Spring, 1974, Class, MMC School of Operating Room Technology, will be held Friday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Rolland Irish Classrooms.

JUST LIKE HOME

The RN's in the Pediatric Division are engaged in an experiment to see if a change from their usual and traditional whiteness helps in their relationships with the young patients. Many of them wear white slacks, still, but have bright-colored tops that hopefully make them look more like Mom or the familiar babysitter. So far, they say, it's working, and may soon be the rule on P2D.

It's part of a general liberalization of nurses' dress that has seen several similar changes in the past few years. It started, maybe, with the bright caps worn in the operating rooms of MMC to add a little cheer to an otherwise drab atmosphere, and continued with the discard of the old rule about caps that once marked a nurse's professional status and school. Personnel on P6 made the change from the traditional uniforms to more colorful outfits a couple of years ago.

SURGERY FOR SHAWN

Readers of last Tuesday's PRESS HERALD are entirely familiar with little Shawn Ward and his recent open-heart surgery. The lad from Bowdoin Center, Maine, three years old, is the youngest patient ever to undergo the delicate Tetralogy of Fallot surgery in Maine. This open-heart surgical procedure is done to correct a congenital defect that prevents the heart from functioning properly. Shawn is doing very well and will be going home soon.

DON'T FORGET...first annual Arts & Crafts Show sponsored by the MMC Employees' Activity Committee, Thursday, March 7 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Admitting Lobby.

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NEWSY NEWS

Paul K. Foley, Security, just returned from a vacation in Florida and a side trip to the Bahamas.

Margaret Targett, CSD, became a grandmother twice in one week. Her daughter gave birth to an 8 lb., 3 oz. boy and her daughter-in-law gave birth to a 7 lb., 11 oz. boy. You still seem to be ambulating pretty well, Margaret.

Sylvia Martin, R.N., nursing supervisor, and husband Jim went for a week to San Juan, P.R., and recommend we all give it a whirl.

Linda Brown, Accounting, was married Saturday, March 2. Congratulations!

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lillian Wimert, Service Representative, recuperating at home after recent surgery. "We all miss you, Lil."

Two birthdays were celebrated on February 22 in CSD. We're not allowed to divulge names, but one was the Department Head and he wasn't able to throw a silver dollar across the Potomac either.

Mrs. Carol Smith, R.N., recently retired following 14 years service with the Eye Surgery department, was honored by fellow employees at a dinner party Friday at the Portlander.

Polly Searway, Service Representative, is basking in the sunshine for two weeks while visiting her son and family in Tampa, Florida. We know who is monopolizing that new granddaughter!!

Mary Reali, R.N., and husband Al, better known as our MMC barber and orchestra leader, spent a week in Puerto Rico recently.

Elaine Woodward, who has worked full-time as a Nurses Aide in OPD for two years and has worked part-time during her training, will graduate March 8 from the SMVTI School of Practical Nursing.

COMING UP

SPRING BUS TRIP to Boston. \$6 round trip, leave Bramhall entrance at 8:30 a.m. and leave Boston for return at 5 p.m. SATURDAY, MARCH 30. Contact Bob Anderson, Library, or Louise Gibson, Personnel, in a hurry if you're interested.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW - There will be more than 30 exhibitors for our first annual show in the Admitting Lobby from 3 p.m.

to 7 p.m. on next Thursday, March 7. Don't miss this wide variety of arts and crafts which will be exhibited by your fellow employees.

CAMERA CLUB - meets each week on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Classroom #1. New members are welcome. No photographic experience necessary.

BASEBALL BUS - if there's enough demand, EAC will run a baseball bus trip to Boston in May or early June. If you're interested, contact Bob Anderson, Library, or Louise Gibson, Personnel.

MANY THANKS to all who so willingly contributed to our recent BAKE SALE. Your epicurean gastronomic delights were gone by 9 a.m. and the sale was a big success. One good friend in Housekeeping contributed \$5 after her cake refused to cooperate.

WANTED

Female roommate to share 2-bedroom, furnished apartment, all utilities incl. \$90 month, located near Mercy Hospital. Call 774-9600 after 6 p.m.

PIANO - for a 10-year old from India being given piano lessons. Will haul. Call 773-8313 for Mr. Mathew.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

1971 16-ft. Sprite "Musketeer" travel trailer; sleeps six, gas/electric refrigerator, gas stove, gas heat, portable toilet, waste disposal outlet, water & electric hookups, corner levels, hoses, portable shower, jacks, automobile mirrors, \$1,400. Now situated at N. Scarborough trailer park, swimming, lake & facilities. Site rental extra, if desired. Call 773-4469 early evenings.

ALTO CONN SAXAPHONE, excellent condition, \$150 or best offer. Call Mrs. Plaisted at 892-6080.

WRINGER WASHER, white with automatic timer, used 4 or 5 times, and husband bought automatic one, asking \$70. Call Polly Roycroft at 773-3448.

6-ROOM APARTMENT, double living room, 2 bedrooms, large modern kitchen & bath, all newly paneled and renovated; new ceilings, 1st floor, excellent closet space, back porch & yard. Phone 772-6000 for appointment any time on Sat. or Sun., evenings only during the week.

ICE HOCKEY SKATES - never worn, size 8. \$8. Art Stevenson - 892-4315.