



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## FORTY-FIVE LIVES

The kidney dialysis-transplant program at MMC, supported by legislative grants, has extended the lives of at least 45 Maine people. The total includes 15 persons who have received transplants and 30 others who are being maintained by dialysis until transplants can be arranged.

In addition to this, kidneys from Maine post-mortem donors, removed and transported by--or under the supervision of--MMC surgical teams, have been used to extend the lives of another 40 persons throughout New England.

## FIRST FULL YEAR

The first full year of operation by Maine's Area Health Education Center not only has improved and expanded medical education in Portland, Dr. Douglass W. Walker said last week, but has stimulated progress toward better training of physicians and better health care in other areas of the state. The assessment came from the MMC Medical Director in a report to Federal officials administering AHEC programs across the nation. Dr. Walker spoke as a representative of MMC, a partner with Tufts University School of Medicine and the University of Maine in the five-year program to improve the education and distribution of physicians.

## TO BENEFIT AGAIN

The Health Sciences Library at MMC will again be the beneficiary of the Downeast Book Sale to be held by the Cumberland County Medical Auxiliary May 2-4 at the South Portland Armory. The doctors' wives have been collecting books for months to insure the success of the project, now in its second year. Mrs. Ralf Martin is chairman of this year's sale.

## TWO GROUPS FROM GREELY

Members of the Greely High School sophomore class, now assisting with the Alpha-1 Antitrypsin study, will visit the hospital Monday and Tuesday for tests in the Pulmonary Medicine division. There'll be a classroom briefing and tours for the group, numbering about 60 in all, split between Monday and Tuesday. The study is the state's first large-scale screening of young people to determine their susceptibility to chronic obstructive lung disease in later life.

## EMPLOYEES HONORED

Miss Catherine O'Connor, administrative assistant, Department of Radiology, was honored last week for 30 years of MMC service and led the list of long-term employees who received service pins at a Cafeteria coffee. Marguerite Conley, O.R., received a 25-year pin, and awards for 20-year records went to Mary Boyle of Medical Records, Ruth Snow and Elizabeth Brackley of Nursing. Pins are awarded by department heads on the basis of five-year service increments.

## ANOTHER SUCCESS

Members of the Employees' Activity Committee chalked up another success Wednesday when they counted the proceeds from a food sale, held to finance their planned placing of the old Maine General entrance keystone as a memorial later this Spring. The take exceeded \$70, and EAC Chairman Art Stevenson said the money would be used for placing the stone and buying shrubs and whatever is required to make an attractive addition to the landscaping between the New Diagnostic Facility and the General Building. The food sale proceeds included money invested in a drawing for a fruit basket from Shaw's won by Ginnie Charlton of Cardiology.

## THE BASEBALL BUS

Art Stevenson, Unit Manager, and Tom Linehan, Data Processing, are acting as ticket agents for the June 2 bus trip to Boston and the game between Chicago and Boston at Fenway Park. The tab is \$10, which includes a good seat, both at the park and on the bus.

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