



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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MORE ABOUT BLOOD

MMC Trustees voted Thursday to cease the hospital's practice of granting blood credits for replacing transfused blood or against future needs of the donor or his family. The action, effective Oct. 1, was in agreement with the ad hoc Citizens' Committee and with national trends against the buying and selling of human blood. The Trustees' resolution, which also establishes a hospital policy of encouraging donors to volunteer blood at Regional Blood Banks, Inc., facilities, does not alter MMC employees coverage by RBB.

UNITED FUND KICKOFF

Hospital chairman Arthur Stevenson has called a meeting of all departmental United Fund representatives for 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Classroom 3. The session will launch the 1973 United Fund campaign in which employees will be asked to pledge, and to demonstrate their community responsibility. MMC will be one of the "Pace-setter" employee groups, completing its solicitation a full month in advance and leading the way to another successful UF campaign in Greater Portland. Generous support for the 1973 campaign was urged by Executive Director Philip K. Reiman, who pointed out that the United Fund is the only hospital-wide fund-raising effort authorized by MMC policy.

41st ANNIVERSARY AT MMC

Mr. and Mrs. George Burgess of North Conway, N.H., celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary Thursday with an impromptu party on Richards 3, where Mrs. Burgess has been a patient for four months. Mr. Burgess came to the event from P3CD, where he has been a patient for two weeks. The completely in-house affair was arranged by the Nursing staff, with an assist in the form of ice cream and a decorated anniversary cake from Dietary.

DR. MARSHALL RESIGNS

Donald F. Marshall, M.D., chief of Urology since 1955 and a member of the MMC Medical Staff since 1945, will resign the chief's position Oct. 1 to become Medical Director of the Industrial Health Counseling Service of Portland. He will continue as a member of the MMC Medical Staff. Accepting his resignation with regret, both the Medical Staff Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees noted his long service and his many contributions to Maine Medical Center.

BLUE CROSS RE-OPENING

All employees not currently covered by the employees' group Blue Cross policy may apply for coverage for themselves and members of their families before Oct. 1 at the Personnel Office. Memberships will become effective Nov. 1. MMC pays the employee premium for all full-time people, but employees must bear the cost of insuring other members of the family.

WARM, WASN'T IT?

It was hot everywhere, Thursday, but probably the hottest work situation at MMC was the laundry, or maybe the boiler room. Running close third, however, was the construction site, where workmen toiled in the broiling sun, pouring cement for the roof of the new diagnostic facility. Just about noon, when the sun was hottest, one workman went to a hose, took off his hard hat, filled it with water, then put it on again, water and all.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Named to the Medical Staff, by order of the board of Trustees, were Donald E. Bittermann, M.D., Webber Hospital, Biddeford, Radiology, Courtesy Staff; and Marcia M. Urie, B.S., physicist, to the Scientific Advisory Staff, MMC.