



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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A YEAR OF WORK

A year of work by representatives of the Nursing department and Pharmacy, assisted by the Medical Staff and Administration, comes to fruition Tuesday with the first use of a new Doctors' Order system. Designed to improve the quality of patient care in several ways, use of the new forms begins at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. Nursing personnel, physicians and pharmacists have been fully briefed on the new system which, among its other advantages, allows the Pharmacy to dispense medications in accordance with a direct copy of the physician's original order rather than from a charge ticket transcribed by a unit clerk. The new system, which presents far less chance for errors than the current method, also will allow greater accuracy in patient billing and other accounting procedures. The new system is regarded as a major step toward the eventual establishment of a unit dose method of dispensing medications.

SIGN UP NOW

Regional Blood Bank enrollment forms are being circulated throughout MMC this week for use by all MMC people. They're to be returned to the Public Relations department before Thursday, March 15. The names will constitute the MMC unit in files maintained by RBB, which will make appointments for blood donations here at the hospital on continuing, year-round basis. This way, it will be convenient for hospital people to join donors throughout the community and state in the RBB's efforts to meet the needs of some 26 major hospitals in Maine...including ours. No blood is purchased, and none is sold. It's free, with patients billed only for the processing charge. Enrollment means full coverage for employees and their immediate families, and each enrollee is asked to donate only once a year. And...if you're medically unqualified to donate, you're still covered.

SEE YOU AT TRUDEAU'S

Chairman Bob Dubuc says more than 200 tickets have been sold for the St. Patrick's Eve dinner dance Friday evening at Trudeau's Club, Saco. The first social event to be staged by the new Employees' Activity Committee, the affair will open at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner is at 7:30, and there'll be dancing later. Tickets may be purchased from EAC members until Wednesday evening at \$4 each. Proceeds will go into the EAC treasury, to be used for a number of projects of benefit to MMC employees.

NAMED TO STAFF

The following have been named to the Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees: Bryan D. Spader, M.D., Eliot, Maine psychiatrist, to the Associate Medical Staff; Floyd B. Goffin, M.D., Brunswick otolaryngologist; and Chang C. Kim, M.D., Pownal pediatrician, to the Courtesy Staff.

10 GRADUATED

There were graduation ceremonies Friday for ten members of the Spring, 1973, class of the MMC School of Operating Room Technology. Participants included Miss Miriam Kaatz, R.N., director of the school; Chaplain Karl Andersen, Administrative Director Edward J. McGeachey and Dr. George F. Sager, assistant Chief, department of Surgery. Dr. Sager presented diplomas to Richard E. Baker, Southboro, Mass.; Charlene D. Burr, Bar Harbor; Julianna Kane, Ellsworth; Ann M. Morrill, Carol L. Neal, and Mary J. Seidel, all of Portland; Deborah A. Stultz, Westbrook; Connie J. Sullivan, Brewer; Tamara E. Thompson, Greenville; and Rachel M. Wallingford, East Lebanon.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Tuberculin skin tests (P.P.D.) will be done in the Outpatient department Wednesday, March 14, from 8 to 9 a.m. for all employees whose tests are due or over-due, and immediately afterward, from 9 to 10 a.m., Dr. James Bonney, Employee Health Officer, will administer smallpox vaccinations to all personnel wishing to take advantage of this program. This work will be done in the Outpatient department for the convenience of hospital employees, rather than in the Employee Health Office, Chisholm House.

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