



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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THE PRICE COMMISSION RULES

The long-awaited approval by the U. S. Price Commission of MMC's 1973 Operating Budget was received Friday. This means increases in employee wages and patient room rates will go into effect Monday.

The Price Commission's approval was announced to department heads, and in turn to MMC employees, early Friday afternoon.

THE FIRE ON FIVE

Tributes were paid Thursday to the many employees who kept their cool under the pressure of a fire emergency last Sunday night, effectively dealing with the fire and evacuating 23 patients without injury or panic. There were special compliments for the telephone operators who were at the center of the action, although at some physical distance. But the remark we appreciated most came from a physician, who was quoted something like this: "I'll never complain again when a nurse I want to see is off somewhere in a disaster drill."

AT THE HELM

The appointment of Bob Pratt, Patient Accounts, as president of the Medical Services Federal Credit Union for a two-year term, was announced following the first meeting of the new Board of Directors. Other officers named were: Jane Fournier, Mercy, vice president; Marge Harris, Public Relations, secretary; Sam Cummings, Security, treasurer. Other directors are Jetta Watts, Nursing; John LaBrie, Mercy; Warren Sanborn, Dietary; Rita Hughes, CSD; and Dave Dunham, Hospital Engineering. Appointed to serve on the Credit Committee during 1973 are Ed Hall, chairman; Kay Kelley, secretary; Art Stevenson, Margaret Cooper and Dot Taylor.

LAB BULLETIN RENEWED

This item, from the renewed Monthly Bulletin of the Warren Laboratory of Pathology, is of general interest:

"There have been additions and changes in the staff of the laboratory. Dr. Lou Taxiarchis, formerly of Sanford and Mercy Hospitals and also a former resident of Dr. Porter and Dr. Ferguson, joined us on December 1, 1972. Dr. Fred Ginn, former Director of the Clinical Laboratories at the University of Maryland Hospitals joined the department on December 11, 1972. Dr. William Hall is with us as Clinical Associate in Bacteriology, separate from but in addition to his position of Hospital Epidemiologist. Marc Beauregard, one of our Senior Technologists, has been appointed the new Laboratory Manager. Marc will have direct responsibilities involving equipment, supplies and also over all laboratory staffing."

MOVE TO RICHARDS 8

The new Cardiovascular Diagnostic Center on R8 got its first tenants Feb. 1, when Dr. Harold Osher, program director, and personnel from the Electrocardiography and Heart Catheterization Departments moved into the brightly-painted area. Dr. Osher said it will be a month, more or less, before all the new services are in operation, and before a series of open-house programs may be arranged. Telephone numbers remain the same.

IT'S A SELLOUT

The Ice Follies bus trip sponsored by the MMC Employees Activity Committee for Feb. 19 is a complete sellout with several more employees putting their names on the back-up list for last-minute cancellations.

NOW IT'S ON TO THE NEXT EVENT...

Which is a buffet/dance planned by the EAC for St. Patrick's Day Eve at Trudeau's Club, 644 Main St., Saco. The April 16 affair will feature a get-acquainted hour (with set-ups available), 6 to 7; buffet dinner, 7 to 8; dancing 8:30 to midnight. All MMC employees and friends are invited. Ticket sales--limited to 300--will be directed by Bob Dubec, Electrical, and may be purchased from any EAC member at \$4 per person.

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