



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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## NURSING APPOINTMENTS

Miss Agnes E. Flaherty, director of Nursing, has announced the following appointments: Head Nurses, Mrs. Mary Reali, R.N., SCU; Mrs. Margaret Davenport, R.N., P3A; Miss Kathy McFadden, R.N., P3C-D; Mrs. Cathy Williams, R.N., R4; Miss Cherry Gregory, R.N., R2; and Mrs. Lorraine Poore, R.N., NICU; Assistant Head Nurses, Mrs. Dayle Moulton, R.N., R7; Mrs. Gertrude Smith, R.N., P3A; and Miss Diane Laselle, R.N., P6; and Mrs. Phyllis Grover, unit manager, P2D.

## RADIOLOGISTS MEET

Members of the Maine Radiological Society met at MMC Friday. There was an executive committee meeting, a scientific session with a lecture by Robert E. Paul, Jr., M.D., professor and chairman of the department of radiology, New England Medical Center Hospitals, Boston, and later a social hour and dinner at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland. Maine Medical Center radiologists were meeting hosts.

## OPD ID CARDS

An ID card system used first by clinic patients to cut down interview time and speed up services, accounting and billing has been expanded to include patients referred to hospital departments by private physicians. It began to be used in X-ray Dec. 3, will start in the Laboratories Dec. 17 and throughout the hospital after the first of the year. Employees who use MMC outpatient services will be included in this plan. They've been asked to check in at the Central Outpatient Registry on their first visit, and provide basic information. Then, no matter how often they are referred back, unless the information changes, they won't be asked to give names, address, age and insurance numbers again. They'll merely be asked for their card. It's an effort to cut the red tape that should be helpful to both the patient and the hospital.

## MASHED METEORITES

How things will go at MMC in the year 2,001 will be revealed during a skit prepared and rehearsed by a cast of thousands at the annual Christmas party Tuesday. Written by Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., and directed by Ellen Daniels, Laboratory, the skit was produced too late in the year to be nominated for an Academy award, but that's show biz. The first sitting is at 2 p.m., with others at 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. There'll be a fine Christmas dinner, Christmas music, and wait 'til you see Santa Claus!

## MEDICAL EXPLORERS

A group of Portland-area young men and women interested in health careers will attend a meeting here tonight that may lead to the formation of a Medical Explorers' post under the hospital's leadership. At last check, about 50 were expected to attend tonight's session. Most were referred as the result of interest surveys conducted in local and nearby high schools. Others, however, will be welcome. The meeting is scheduled at 7:30 pm in the Irish Classrooms.

## TROUBLESOME TALK

Every so often someone forgets, and we overhear some very private patient information in the checkout line at Shaw's, in the next booth at McDonald's, or in an elevator right here at MMC. An outpatient we know first heard the results of her lab tests from a neighbor, and the success of an early MMC kidney transplant was first announced during a show-and-tell session at the grammar school in Mechanic Falls. Ridiculous? It certainly is. It's also dangerous, an invasion of privacy, and entirely unprofessional. We know a lot about people, but they're things that are nobody else's business. So let's keep 'em to ourselves.

## NAMED TO STAFF

William P. Carter, M.D., of the MMC Emergency Division was named to the Associate Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees this week. Also named to the associate staff was Andrew P. Iverson, Jr., M.D., a urologist.

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