



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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TO SPEAK IN BELGIUM

Equipment and procedures developed at MMC for the computer-assisted analysis of human blood proteins will be presented before an international scientific body in Belgium next week. Robert F. Ritchie, M.D., director of the Rheumatic Disease Laboratory, will present the introductory lecture for a three-day workshop that will be devoted to the system. The workshop will precede the annual Colloquium of the Protides of the Biological Fluids at Simon Stevin Instituut, Brugge. Dr. Ritchie also will serve as a Colloquium session chairman.

FOR LONG SERVICE

Service awards for five-year increments were presented to 48 employees Thursday at a Cafeteria coffee. Pins signifying 25 years of MMC service went to Eugenia Britt, R.N., Rose Graham, R.N., and John Lincoln, M.D. Awards for 20 years of service went to James MacKenzie, Medical Photography; Virginia Curry, R.N., Cathaleen Hodgkins, N.A. and Eleanor Smith, N.A., Nursing; Bertha Burns, Housekeeping; Mary Sanderson, Laboratory; and Charles Wittenzellner, Hospital Engineering.

DISNEY ON PARADE

Members of the Employees' Activity Committee have lined up a block of seats for the Sunday, May 6, matinee performance of DISNEY ON PARADE at the new Augusta Civic Center. They're offering a transportation-show package at \$7.50 on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus will leave the Bramhall entrance at 12 noon. Reservations may be arranged with Mrs. Louise Gibson, personnel department, 2106.

MEDLINE FOR MAINE

MMC's Health Sciences Library has been selected by the National Library of Medicine to operate MEDLINE--the NLM's computerized medical literature analysis and retrieval system--for Maine. Mrs. Jane Cooper, MMC assistant librarian, recently completed a three-week course at the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, to learn the MEDLINE operation and technique. MMC Health Sciences Library's computer connection--to be operational soon--will serve physicians and hospitals throughout the state.

EMPHYSEMA CLUB

An organizational meeting of Maine's first Emphysema Club will be held at MMC Sunday, April 29. Sponsored by the Maine Tuberculosis and Health Association, the new club will welcome patients, family members and friends with the idea of learning more about the disease and how to live with it. Dr. Edgar J. Caldwell, director of the Division of Pulmonary Medicine, will be the speaker, and George T. Nilson, executive director of the Maine TB and Health Association, will welcome the group.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., MMC assistant director of Nursing for clinical services, was notified this week of her appointment as a member of the Joint Committee of the American Nurses' Association and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists. The one-year committee assignment became effective January 1, 1973.

THE SEASON IS OPENING

Coach-manager Art Stevenson has issued a call for softball players, and announced that tryouts for the MMC team will be held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26, at the Douglass Street field. This is so-called slow-pitch softball, which looks pretty rapid to us, with competition in the local league this summer.

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