



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Maine Medical Center, working with the University of Maine and Tufts University School of Medicine, will become an Area Health Education Center under a \$4.86 million contract announced Friday by Elliott Richardson, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, at a Boston press conference.

The primary purpose is to develop better distribution of health manpower through educational programs for medical students, interns and residents, especially in the areas of family practice and emergency care. MMC, U of M and five Maine health care organizations and agencies will cooperate with Tufts in the five-year program aimed at relieving Maine's shortage of physicians and other health professionals.

Douglass W. Walker, M.D., MMC medical director, will serve as associate director of the Area Health Education Center project with George J. Robertson, M.D., associate dean of continuing education at Tufts University Medical School.

## BRINKMANSHIP

A delegation of 30 health career-oriented teenagers from Farmington toured MMC Wednesday in a visit arranged by Michael Brinkman, a Farmington High School senior and son of Dr. Paul Brinkman of Farmington, former MMC intern and resident. Dr. Brinkman, brother of Dr. Carl Brinkman, MMC neurosurgeon, toured the hospital with the group, renewing many old acquaintances. Besides the Farmington physician and his son, the group also included his daughter, Nancy.

## OFF TO BOSTON

A full busload of MMC people left Saturday morning for a day in Boston, and several requests already have been voiced for a similar trip in early December. Hopefully, the pre-Christmas trip will be arranged by MMC's newest action group, the Employee Activity Committee. Now being organized, with members from every MMC department, the committee will plan and arrange employee trips for shopping, shows and special events, and assist in the sponsorship of MMC athletic teams and other activities.

## WESTERN DISTRICT

Members of the Western District, Maine State Nurses' Association, held their annual meeting Wednesday at Howard Johnson's, Exit 8. Participating from MMC were Miss Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., president of the MSNA; Mrs. Margaret Howard, R.N., president of the Western District; Miss Eleanore Irish, R.N., past president of the Maine State Board of Nursing; and Mrs. Barbara McFarland, R.N., named to the nominating committee. The address of Miss Helen Creighton, R.N., M.S.N., professor of Nursing, at the University of Wisconsin, was a highlight of the program.

## LADIES IN BLUE

Something new in the Outpatient Department this week: blue smocks for the secretaries. The idea is to promote identification as OPD people, follow the lead of their colleagues in the Emergency Division, and unite both groups under the banner of the Ambulatory Care Department.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS

Plans for the 1972 Employees' Christmas Party are moving forward under the chairmanship of Bob Pratt and Marge Harris. They're being ably assisted by a large group that includes Joan Boutet, decorations; Ruth Plaisted, hostesses; Amy DiBiase and Alan Schock, prizes; Eleanor Gee, menu; Gertrude Daly, tickets and an entertainment committee composed of Pauline Fahey, Elaine Keyte and Bob Auger with vital assistance by Eleanor Catir. The Christmas Party will be held during the afternoon of Dec. 12, and Mrs. Gee's Dietary department already is getting into high gear for the event.

REMINDER: MMC Chorus rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Irish Classrooms....new members always welcome.

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