



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## THE GROUNDBREAKING

Officials of the Maine Savings Bank, the Federal Housing Authority and Maine Medical Center participated in a groundbreaking Monday, signalling the start of the new diagnostic facility between the General Building and Bramhall Street. The structure will house the Southern Maine Radiation Therapy Institute, the expansion of the Radiology Department and new and modern quarters for the Pathology Laboratories. Cost of the newest addition to the MMC complex is more than \$5 millions, to be financed by FHA loans arranged by Maine Savings and involving more than 30 Maine financial institutions. The project, which began with demolition of three of the four frame buildings on Bramhall Street, is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1974.

## ENTRANCE CLOSING

It isn't completely closed yet, but the entrance of the General Building will not be used when construction of the diagnostic facility begins in earnest, some time within the next two weeks. The area will be blocked off, and anyone who has business there will be required to wear a hard hat. Best plan on using the Main entrance on Bramhall Street.

## ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Department heads are submitting the names of MMC people who are being asked to serve as members of the brand-new Employees Activity Committee, which will plan and make arrangements for a variety of outside events, trips, tours and special programs. The nominees will be notified of the group's organizational meeting, hopefully before the end of the month.

## THE BOSTON TRIP

One such event--an Oct. 21 bus trip to Boston--is being arranged at the present time. Many seats have been sold at the round-trip rate of \$4.25, but there are a few left. The bus will leave the hospital at 8 a.m., and leave Boston at 5 p.m. No special plans...just an inexpensive opportunity for a day in the big city. Call Marge Harris, P/R Dept., 2196, for reservations.

## AWARDS FOR CANDYSTRIPERS

A total of 75 teenagers received certificates of appreciation for more than 8,000 hours of volunteer work as Candystrippers at a ceremony Friday. Charles Huff, director of personnel, made the presentations, expressing MMC's gratitude for the many tasks performed by the young women, most of whom work at MMC during the summer under the direction of Mrs. Irene Pierce, director of MMC volunteers.

## PATIENTS AND UTILITY

That's what the elevator signs say, but vertical people, including many employees are still using the elevators designed for stretchers, wheelchairs and equipment in the Richards Wing. An increase in such use has been noted since the opening of the top levels of the parking ramp, and increased use of the Orthopedic Entrance. In order that these patient/utility elevators be constantly available for their intended use, pedestrians are requested to use the passenger elevators only. A third car is being installed, in case you hadn't noticed, to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic to and from R8.

## HEALTH CARE DOCUMENTARY

Stephen N. Morris, chairman of the American Hospital Association, is one of several health leaders who will appear Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, in a television documentary entitled "The Health Care Crisis in America." The program, to be aired at 10 p.m. is part of the "NBC Reports" series, carried locally by Channel Six.

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