



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## SICK PAY FOR PREGNANCY

A further expansion of the MMC fringe benefit program became effective Oct. 1 with the authorization of accumulated sick pay for employees on pregnancy leave. Sick pay has not been available in cases of pregnancy before. The new policy reflects a decision to regard pregnancy or childbirth the same as any temporary disability. Only pregnancy leaves of absence will be granted to employees whose earned sick pay has been exhausted.

## EMERGENCY POWER

The entire MMC complex will be fed by the emergency generator in a step-by-step transfer from the outside power source early Tuesday. The schedule will be as follows: Richards Wing, 5:30 a.m.; Maine General Building, 5:40 a.m.; Boiler Room, 5:50 a.m.; 1929 Pavilion, 6 a.m.; and 1956 Pavilion, 6:10 a.m. Outside power will be restored before 6:45 a.m. This will be a rehearsal for a necessary emergency generator run of about four hours later in the month.

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECH

MMC's first Nuclear Medicine Technology student has begun a year's study in MMC's Radiation Therapy department. She's Mrs. Denise C. Parker, R.T., from the Concord, N.H., Hospital. She will be eligible for registry as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist on completion of her course.

## 58TH CONVENTION

Registered nurses from throughout Maine will gather at Poland Spring today to begin the 58th annual convention of the Maine State Nurses' Association. Among those attending from MMC will be Pauline M. Fahey, R.N. and Mrs. Hester Bemis, R.N., MSNA president and secretary respectively, and Mrs. Margaret Howard, R.N., president of MSNA's Western District. Patricia E. Drake, R.N., staff nurse on P6 and a member of Governor Curtis' Maine Youth Commission, will participate in a panel on the "Reality of Present Day Living." Mrs. John W. Philbrick, president of the Friends of MMC and hospital trustee, will speak as a health care consumer on a panel Wednesday.

## KIDNEY FOUNDATION

Dr. Donald F. Marshall, chief of Urology and president of the Kidney Foundation of Maine, has announced that members and friends will meet Thursday, Oct. 5 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Rolland Irish classroom No. 1. All interested people are welcome.

## TWO RETIREES

Miss Mariange SteMarie and Mrs. Isabelle Johnson, veteran Housekeeping employees, were honored Wednesday by fellow workers as they retired from MMC service. Miss SteMarie has been employed at the hospital for 27 years, and Mrs. Johnson, 20 years. There was punch and cake and the presentation of purses for the guests of honor.

## CLASSROOMS LOCKED

The Rolland Irish classrooms were locked at night last week, and must now be reserved in advance by groups or departments wishing to use them after 5 p.m. Make the reservation with Housekeeping, and arrange with Security to open the room at the appointed time.

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