

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

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SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM

Surgeons from throughout the state attended the third annual Surgical Symposium Friday, sponsored by the MMC Department of Surgery. The Isaac M. Webber, M.D., surgical lecture was a highlight of the day-long program, delivered by Edward H. Soule, M.D., professor of pathology, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Soule received a plaque commemorating the event, presented by Joseph E. Porter, M.D., chief of pathology at MMC. Dr. Webber, who is honored by the annual lecture in his name, also was present. The symposium included scientific presentations by many MMC surgeons and other members of the medical staff. The visiting surgeons were welcomed by Emerson H. Drake, M.D., MMC, chief of surgery.

IF A MAN ANSWERS...

Don't hang up...it's William Bullough, who's just gone to work as a telephone operator at MMC. He's a former serviceman, and worked more than four years in Hawaii as a hospital PBX operator, admitting clerk and general man-of-all work.

ACCREDITATION SURVEY

The JCAH accreditation survey, originally scheduled last fall, has been rescheduled for next month, April 26-27. The survey team will check all phases of the hospital's operations.

THE BOSTON BUS

A Spring bus trip to Boston has been arranged tentatively for April 15. There's no program...just a Saturday on your own in the city. The round trip fare will be \$4.00. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Harris in the P/R Department, 2196.

THE MALL EXHIBIT

Three meetings last week with representatives of all five Portland area hospitals ' and their respective volunteer groups resulted in some ground rules and the general approach for the Greater Portland Health Care Exhibit, scheduled during National Hospital Week at the Maine Mall. Designed to present "the picture of health" as it now exists in the greater Portland area, the exhibit will be a cooperative effort of all five hospitals to demonstrate the contribution of these institutions to the wellbeing of the community. The show is scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 9-11.

ALUMNI DAY

Also scheduled during Hospital Week is Maine Medical Center's 24th annual Alumni Day, with former interns and residents invited back for a full day's program of presentations by the major clinical departments, a major address, reception, banquet and business meeting. Wives have been invited to the evening program, and there'll be tours and a special luncheon for them at noon. Alumni Day will be Thursday, May 11, starting at 8:45 a.m.

ON THE ROAD

Robert F. Ritchie, M.D., director of the Rheumatic Disease Laboratory, has spoken before professional groups at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, and Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, N.H., in the past week, and was in Gainesville, Fla., at the department of Pathology, University of Florida, Thursday. Dr. Ritchie and members of his department are planning an MMC exhibit for a June technical congress in New York City.